

May Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven, fill us and keep us.

**Amen.**

May the Lamb of God, who laid down his life for all,  
give us peace.

**Amen.**

May the Lord our God order our works and days in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation is invited to leave the sanctuary in silence.*

## EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

### HOLY COMMUNION

*Eat. Drink. Remember who I am.*

*Eat. Drink. Remember who I am  
so you can remember who you are.*

*Eat. Drink. Remember who I am  
so you can remember who you are  
and tell the others.*

*Eat. Drink. Remember who I am  
so you can remember who you are  
and tell the others  
so that all God's people  
can live  
in communion ...  
in holy communion.*

*Ann Weems  
Kneeling in Jerusalem*

*Participating in tonight's service are:*

*Connie Capes-Leslie, Deborah Hart, Robert Oliphant and Peter Merrick*

*Thank you to all who assisted with tonight's meal.*

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 5, 2007**

**EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meals eaten in his name, institutes the mystery of his abiding presence in the church's celebrations of Communion. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn and joyful celebration of the entire Christian year. We enter what Augustine referred to as "the *triduum* during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again."

Historically, Holy Thursday has included a series of distinctive elements, which have been quite complex and elaborate in certain periods, especially in the Middle Ages. Yet there is a profound simplicity about the essentials, since they arise out of Scripture and the early church's worship, which was unfolding the meaning of who Jesus was and is. From the history of this pattern of elements, we have included six tonight: the ceremony of hand washing, remembering the washing of feet by Jesus; a simple family meal; the stories of the events of that last night; an act of confession; a celebration of communion; and the preparation of the church for Good Friday.

In our tradition, this day is usually called 'Maundy Thursday,' a term derived through the old French *mandé*, from the Latin *mandatum novum*, or a 'new commandment' associated with John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" which follows the account of the foot washing reported earlier in the same chapter.

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE WINE**

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**  
God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your new age.  
**Happy are those who are called to this sacred supper.**  
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SHARING OF BREAD AND WINE**

*Each table will send two people forward to receive the bread and the wine.  
They will return to the table with them and will serve the others at the table.*

**THE GARDEN**

THE STORY     Mark 14:26-31

PRAYERS

**PREPARATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

HYMN 182     Stay with us through the night     *Casswell*

THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

**SENDING FORTH**

THE STORY     Mark 14:32-42

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Go forth into the world in the strength of God's mercy  
to live and serve in newness of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Blessed is the Holy One of Israel,  
Sovereign of all that is,  
who brings forth bread from the earth.**

Having said the blessing, he broke it and gave it to the disciples with the words, 'Take this and eat it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, saying:

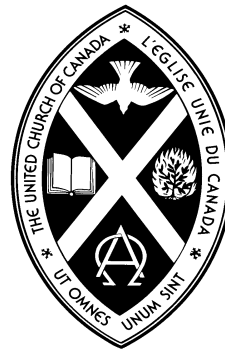
**Blessed is the Holy One of Israel,  
Sovereign of all that is,  
who creates the fruit of the vine.**

Having offered thanks, he gave it to them with the words: 'Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, never again shall I drink from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew with you in the kingdom of my Father.'

And so, Lord, with this bread and this cup,  
which we offer to you,  
we remember his death and celebrate his vindication.  
For you have made him the light of the nations  
and the bearer of justice to the ends of the earth.

May your Spirit, which was in Jesus your servant,  
come upon us and upon these gifts.  
Make us one with him in his self-giving,  
that through us he may bind up the broken-hearted  
and comfort the mourners,  
open the eyes of the blind,  
and proclaim liberty to the captives,  
until justice flows like water  
and righteousness like an unfailing stream  
and the city of God is among us.

**Blessed is the Holy One of Israel,  
our beginning and our end. Amen.**



**EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S  
UNITED CHURCH**

**35 Lytton Boulevard  
Toronto, Ontario  
April 5, 2007  
6:30 p.m.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE  
LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM**

## **GATHERING**

### **GREETING**

Tonight, we gather. Tonight, we remember:  
**We remember friends at table,  
we remember water splashing over dusty feet,  
we remember love and commandments,  
we remember betrayal,  
we remember bread and wine,  
we remember nighttime prayer.**

The supper we remember  
was a supper of remembrance,  
for Jesus and his friends gathered  
to celebrate the Passover:  
ancient liberation from slavery,  
ancient, and yet persistent.

**Tonight, we gather. Tonight, we remember.**

### **WELCOME**

**HYMN 457**

As we gather at your table  
*(see insert)*

*Beach Spring*

## RITUAL OF HANDWASHING

THE STORY          John 13:1-15

HANDWASHING

### THE SUPPER

THE STORY          Mark 14:12-16

GRACE

SHARING OF BREAD AND SOUP

## THE CONFESSION

THE STORY          Mark 14:17-21

THE CONFESSION

When Jesus and his disciples were together for the last time, he gave them a new commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." It is the greatest of all commandments, but the most difficult one by which to live, one which we betray too often. And so we pray:

**Loving God, we confess our need for your new commandment, to love one another. We need it; our world needs it. To live by love is surely your way. Yet we confess that we often choose other ways. This is our sin. Forgive us, we pray. We ask for new life and yet another chance. This we do in faith, sure of your love for us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

THE PEACE

## THE COMMUNION

THE STORY          MARK 14:22-25

HYMN 456 Now to your table spread          *Love Unknown*  
(see insert)

THANKSGIVING OVER GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

We give thanks to you, loving God,  
for the gifts of creation and life.  
You divided the light from the darkness  
and the water from the dry land;  
you made us in the image of yourself  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

We give thanks to you,  
because you look on us with mercy;  
again and again, you meet us with the hope of new life.  
You delivered us from slavery  
through the waters of the Red Sea;  
you called us to righteousness and holiness  
at the foot of Sinai, the holy mountain;  
you called us to justice  
in the words of your servants, the prophets;  
you showed us holiness in the lives of your saints.

We give you thanks for your servant Jesus;  
he is your new promise to us,  
and our new hope in you.  
He took upon himself our bondage,  
and carried the sorrows of our pilgrimage;  
he was torn from the land of the living,  
though he had done no wrong,  
and became the model and pioneer of your kingdom,  
in whom your will is done.  
In scripture we read of his last hours on earth;  
he and his friends gathered together in an upper room.  
During supper, he took some bread, saying: