

# T Maundy Thursday



Haysville United Methodist Church

We are the people of God, sharing the love of God.

March 20, 2008



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7:00 pm

**From early days, Easter was observed by a period of preparation called Lent. This season closed with the Great Week, also called *Holy Week*. Wednesday of Holy Week was formerly called Spy Week, because of some of the preparations by Judas for betraying Christ.**

**Thursday of Holy Week commemorates the institution of the Lord’s Supper. It was called Holy Thursday by some. The present English name, Maundy Thursday, is derived either from the words of John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you,” or from the custom of carrying gifts to the poor in ‘maunds’ (food baskets) on that day.**

**Maundy Thursday is often observed in the church today by worship and the celebration of communion, or by ‘seder,’ which is a meal showing how the Israelites observed the Passover in their family setting.**

**Prelude.....Praise Band  
“The Wonderful Cross”**

**Draping of the Cross**

**+Call To Worship.....Lynn Sporleder**

**Leader:** It is an awesome thing to stand in the presence of God, to call God’s holy name.

**People:** As far as the heavens are above the earth, God’s ways are above our ways.

**Leader:** But we come with confidence, because in Christ we are called to be God’s people.

**People:** Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before God our maker!

**+Hymn of Praise.....Hymn 297  
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

**Call to Confession**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.....Matthew 11:28

**Prayer of Confession**

(unison)

Holy and merciful God, we confess with shame those times when we have failed to be your faithful people, when we have made an empty show of our religion, when we have judged others and been blind to our own sin, when our words have been substitutes for justice and kindness, when times of testing have come and we were weak. Forgive us , we pray, and by the power of your spirit make us strong for all that is to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.....Psalm 145:8

**Anthem**.....Chancel Choir

**“Mary, Don’t You Weep”**

**Scripture**.....Mark 15:16-39  
Lisa Jelinek

**Message**.....**“The Christian Passover Celebration”**  
Lisa Jelinek  
Lynn Sporleder  
Rev. R. Laney Kuhn

**Hymn**.....Hymn 301  
**“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”**

**Prayer of Humble Access**

(unison)

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow in his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

**Breaking of the Bread and Taking of the Cup**

**The Giving of the Bread and Cup**

**Come and Receive Holy Communion** (*Leave in silence*)

**+Postlude**.....Ann Everett

**+ Indicates Please Stand**



Easter Worship Opportunities: Sunday, March 23, 2008

8:30 am—Traditional Worship Service

11:00 am—Praise and Worship Service