

The same night, Jesus took the cup, saying; This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Youth & Children: What do we remember at this table?

We remember God’s gracious love for us, Christ’s death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit’s tender care for us. And remembering, we offer ourselves and our gifts for the world. According to our Lord’s commandment:

Congregation: We proclaim his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Youth & Children: What do we ask at this table?

Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking together we may be made one with Christ and with one another. At this table we ask for unity in Christ our Lord, and we ask for strength to serve the world in his name until the day you make all things new.

Congregation: Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Sharing the Cup

Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

(the elders & presider will break the bread)

The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

(the elders & presider will lift the cup)

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not the sharing in the blood of Christ?

Communion of the People

Sing #227 *Jesus, Remember Me*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
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Prayer After Communion

God of Grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have received this night. We thank you that in this feast you have given us the strength for the journey before us. And so, we remember that Jesus is always with us, and through him we have been taught how to love. May we go in the world and love...for it all ends and begins again with love. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Sing #205 *Live in Charity*

*Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

(As the congregation sings the elders will clear the tables of the elements and extinguish the candles)

Sending

Now to the One who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without shame in the presence of God’s glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. **Amen.**

Love one another; serve the Lord; live peaceable with all. **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome to our guest flutist this evening, Trenton Walker.

Join us for:

- Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm
- Easter Egg Hunt at 10am this Saturday, April 19
- Easter Sunday Worship at 10 am: Don’t forget to bring fresh flowers to put on the outside cross.



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Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church



Welcome to Worship at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church!

Welcoming All Serving Christ Transforming Lives

Our faith community extends a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and hopes that you will return often.

For more than a century, Quaker Memorial has been committed to our mission of Welcoming All, Serving Christ, Transforming Lives. If you are seeking a church that offers abundant opportunities for spiritual and personal growth and Christian witness, we believe that you will find a home here.

Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025

Opening Sentences

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening
and the day is almost over.

The candle on each table is lit by the elder.

God who said, “Out of darkness the light shall shine!” is the same God who made light shine in our hearts to bring us the knowledge of God’s glory shining in the face of Christ.

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

It was a feast night, much like tonight. It was the time of celebration - celebration of God giving freedom, celebration of life and light and love being stronger than the powers of oppression and violence that seem to rule the world.

It was a feast night, a dinner party, with storytelling and laughter and more food than anyone knew what to do with.

And at this feast, a meal with traditions and family jokes and songs of hope, Jesus called his friends to see the world differently.

To see not just bread, not just wine, not just a traditional meal, but to allow their eyes to be opened to see the kingdom of God - the kingdom of abundance, love, sharing, hope...the kingdom of LIFE - laid before them.

So tonight, we are invited to share this same feast, to break bread and let our eyes be opened, to share the cup and know the power of a life poured out in love and obedience.

Prayer

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. In our gathering we are mindful of how Jesus supped with his closest companions knowing that one would betray him. We thank you for this time around these tables, to share stories, and to break bread together. Bless the hands that prepared the meal and may to food strengthen us to serve and love one another. We pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. On this night, around these tables we are mindful of how Jesus supped with his closest companions knowing that one would betray him. We thank you for Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life and his gift of saving love for us. We thank you for this time to gather around the table and to break bread together. Bless the hands that prepared the meal and may the food strengthen us to serve and love one another. We pray in the name of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The meal is served

What shall we offer for all God’s goodness to us?

Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Sing Hymn #842 *The Lord is My Light* (Theme 2)

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust; in God I trust.
The Lord is my light, my light and salvation: in God I trust;; in God I trust.

Confession and Pardon

You, O Lord, are the giver of every good gift. Your love is the ground of our being. You call us to listen, to feast upon your word, and to follow in your way. You call us out of brokenness to mend and remake your creation. You call us to trust you with everything we are and everything we have. Yet so often we deny you - by claiming we deserve what we have, by remaining silent in the face of unjust, by keeping busy so we do not have time to hear the cock crow. For all the ways we have betrayed you, and ourselves, forgive us, O God...silence

Sing #466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

God will not turn us away when we have come confessing with open hearts. God offers forgiveness and welcomes us to the table of grace and plenty where all the faithful father.

This is the Good News that brings new life. Thanks be to God.

Sing #544 *Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

The Reading of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Silence

Second Reading: John 13:1-17, 31-35

Sing #527 *Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

(as the congregation sings the elders are invited to come forward to collect the elements for their table)

LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord said to Moses: This shall be a day of remembrance for you, you shall celebrate it as a festival of the Lord.

Paul says to the Church: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Youth & Children: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

Congregation: We give thanks for God’s work of creation and salvation.

It is our greatest joy, creator God, to give you thanks in every time and place. You made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them - sun, moon, and stars, mountains, rivers, and trees, animals and people. You even made us in your own image to love and serve you, and show us your mercy every day. Therefore with all people and all creation we shout your praise.

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

All glory and blessing are yours, Saving God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. Born a child like us, he grew up to be your servant. Jesus taught your truth. He welcomed, healed, forgave, and loved people.

In the end, he suffered and died to save us from our sin. And God raised him up, to give us a new life. We praise you that before he died, our Savior gave us this holy meal to eat together until he comes again.

Youth & Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Youth & Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?