

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

**Younger Voices:** *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**

Holy and gracious God, for the meal we have shared, for the nourishment of the spirit and for the life of this community, we give you thanks. Help us to see miraculous signs wherever we see you. Help us to work always for the food that endures, in Christ's name. 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, Amy Hall.

### **Join us for:**

- Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm
- Easter Egg Hunt at 10am this Saturday, April 4
- Easter Sunday Worship at 10 am: Don't forget to bring fresh flowers to put on the outside cross.

## 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.*



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Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

### 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.**

Tonight is a night of remembering, a festival of memory. We have gathered together near and far throughout the generations. Tonight, we recall a tradition we've received that we pass on again and again and again: We eat the bread, drink the cup, proclaiming Christ's death until he comes.

Tonight, we will hear of Christ's humble way of love and service that stoops ever lower. We join God in glorifying Jesus, the one who came to serve. 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 this food strengthen us to serve and love one another. We pray in the name of Christ, the light of the world. 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

**Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. We have received all the gifts you have to offer thinking they are only for us rather than sharing them. You bathe us in warm living waters of love, yet so often we deny you - by claiming we deserve what we have, by remaining silent in the face of injustice, 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 and have mercy upon us.**

*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!*

On this holiest of nights, we have received the good news: God has come in Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.

**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

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

*Silence*

Sing #527

*Eat This Bread*

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

*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.*

### 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.

*Younger Voices: 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.

*Younger Voices: 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.

*Younger Voices: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?*

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.

*Younger Voices: 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: