



A new
COMMANDMENT

I give to you,

THAT YOU

Love
ONE ANOTHER:

*just as I have loved you,
you also are to love
one another.*

JOHN 13:34-35 (ESV)





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29 March 2018 MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION 8.00 pm

✠ **Enter to Worship**(Please switch phone to silent mode)

On this night, Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with His disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet (*John 13:1-17*) and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

(*Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:13-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*)

PREPARING

Personal Prayer and Reflection before Service

Church Bells

Organ Prelude

Mr Nicholas Leow

GATHERING

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 [ESV])

Mrs Patricia Zoey Tan

Leader: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

People: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Leader: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, I am your servant;

I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

People: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in Your midst, O Jerusalem.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn**

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

UMH 626

REFLECTION & ASSURANCE

Scripture Reading Exodus 12:1-14 (ESV): The Passover

Men: 12:1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,
2 “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. 4 And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

Women: 7 “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

ALL: 14 “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Reflection on & Response to God's WORD:

1. What does the Lord want to deliver us from?
2. What is required of us to do?

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (ESV)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Reflection on & Response to God's WORD:

1. What does the sacrament of the Lord's Supper / Holy Communion mean to us?
2. What are we to do after partaking of it?

***Hymn** "The Bread of Life for All Is Broken" UMH 633

***Gospel Lesson** John 13:1 –17, 31b –35 [ESV]:
Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

^{13:1} Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have

done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Reflection on & Response to God's WORD:

1. Who is the person the Lord is prompting us to serve?
2. How are we to "wash the feet" of this person?

*Hymn

"Are Ye Able"

UMH 530

John 13:31-35 (ESV): A New Commandment

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Reflection on & Response to God's WORD:

1. Have we experienced God's Love for ourselves?
2. Have we expressed God's Love to others?

Prayer

"Holy Thursday"

UMH 283

Gracious God,
Your Anointed One, on the night before He suffered,
instituted the sacrament of His body and blood.
Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully
in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who in these holy mysteries
gives us a pledge of eternal life. Amen.

PARTICIPATION

Greetings & Welcome

Presentation of Offering

***Doxology** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” **UMH 301** (Refrain)
(sing twice)

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In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

PARTAKING

***Communion Hymn** “Because Thou Hast Said” **UMH 635**
Celebration of Holy Communion Pastor Alvin Chan
UMH 12

The Lord’s Prayer (sung ~ Malotte)

Communion Hymns

- 1) UMH 521
- 2) UMH 472
- 3) UMH 419
- 4) UMH 399

PROMISING

***Hymn of Promise** “O For a Heart to Praise My God” **UMH 417**

Stripping of the Altar as Organist Plays Postlude

(the people leave in silence after the Postlude)

Dismissal with Blessing

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever. Amen.

*indicates congregation to stand



Stripping of the Altar

The altar coverings and decorations are removed at the end of the Maundy Thursday Service to symbolize the abandonment of Jesus by His disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers prior to His crucifixion.

This, like the darkness often incorporated into a Good Friday service, represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life and hope that is to come on Easter Sunday.

GOOD FRIDAY MANDARIN SERVICE

Friday, 30 March @ 11.00am

Sanctuary @ L1

Preacher: Mr Eddie Goh

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, 30 March @ 3.00pm

Sanctuary @ L1

Preacher: Pastor Sng Chong Hui

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, 1 April @ 6.30am

Open Plaza @ L1

Preacher: Pastor Paul Nga

Followed by Easter Breakfast provided by WSCS

EASTER COMBINED ENGLISH SERVICE / BAPTISM SERVICE

Sunday, 1 April @ 9.00am

Sanctuary @ L1 with overflow to
Abraham @ L1 & Emmanuel Hall @ L2

Preacher: Pastor Alvin Chan

EASTER MANDARIN SERVICE / BAPTISM SERVICE

Sunday, 1 April @ 11.00am

Sanctuary @ L1

Preacher: Pastor Paul Nga