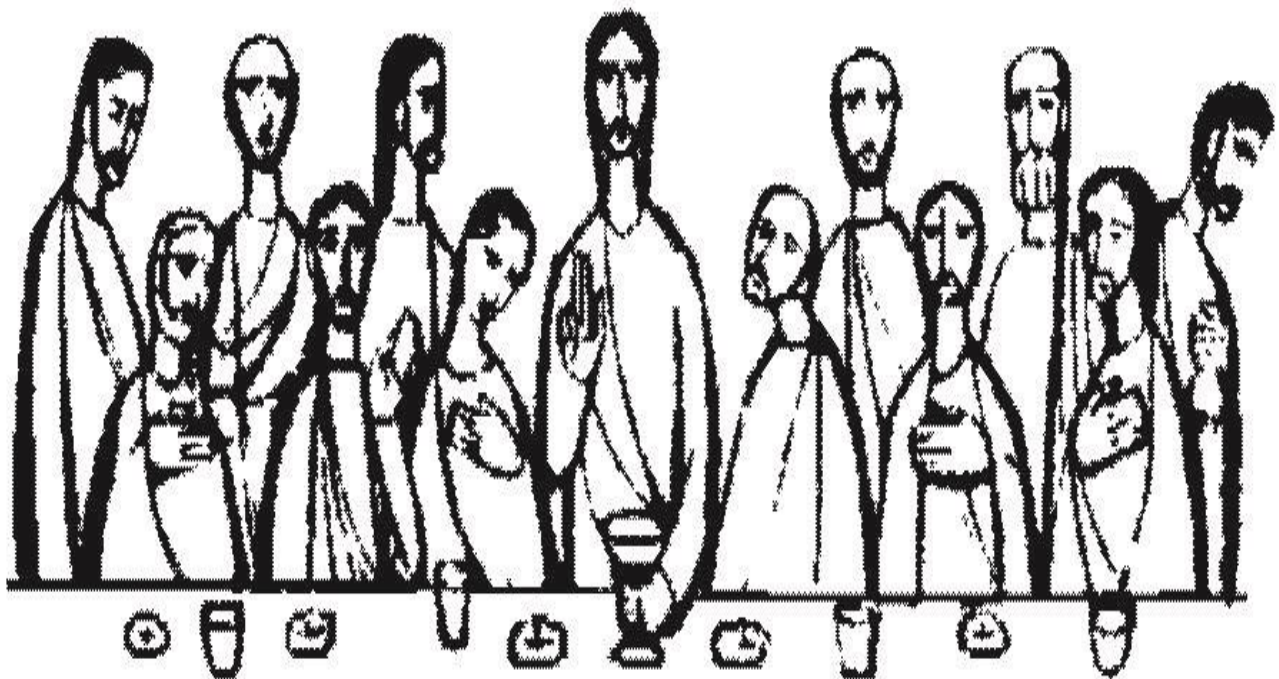




CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Thursday, April 6, 2023



MAUNDY THURSDAY

**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

THE GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

On this day

Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day

Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day

Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

On this day Christ,

our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Together in one voice)

Holy God, source and sovereign,

you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ,

Christ, who washes our feet in humble service.

Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us.

so that everyone will know that we are his disciples.

Through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN 693 Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)**

**1. Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire, And Have The Gift To All Inspire,
And Have Not Love, My Words Are Vain, As Sounding Brass, And Hopeless Gain.**

**2. Though I May Give All I Possess, And Striving So My Love Profess,
But Not Be Given By Love Within, The Profit Soon Turns Strangely Thin.**

**3. Come, Spirit, Come, Our Hearts Control, Our Spirits Long To Be Made Whole.
Let Inward Love Guide Every Deed; By This, We Worship And Are Freed.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Peace be with you.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING PSALM Luke 22:14–23 (ESV)

14 And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. 21 But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. 22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!” 23 And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.!

SECOND 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying: “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For leaders of the church, for our minister(s), and all ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust (especially N., N.), that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community (especially N., N.), we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from the hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our families, friends, and neighbors; that, being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your church, that, strengthened by their witness, we may be grateful for their example, living in justice and love until we join them in life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us entrust ourselves, and one another, and all of life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

(Silence)

Yours is the majesty, O God, holy and eternal; yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

THE INSTITUTION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, creator, redeemer, sustainer of all. You made your covenant with us, calling us to love and serve you. When we are wandering in sin you forgive us and lead us home.

And so we join the heavenly hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,

who lived and died and rose for us, and is coming in glory to reign.

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me.

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup, saying: this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering Christ's saving love, we celebrate this holy meal and offer ourselves to you, O God, with gratitude and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,
on your people gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

By your Spirit make us one body in Christ, one in mission and ministry to the world.

Nourish us in faith, hope, and love,
and strengthen us for service,
until we feast with you in glory.

All praise and honor and glory are yours, holy triune God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEPARTURE IN SILENCE (There is no benediction in this service)

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church, where we come together to celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others. This congregation opens wide its doors and hearts and welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Good Friday, April 7th, the church sanctuary will be open from 11am to 1pm for prayer & quiet meditation.

Friday April 7th A Good Friday Service will be held @ 6pm.

Easter Sunday Events:

Easter Breakfast 9am

Egg Hunt 10am

**Worship Service with the choir presenting
Easter Cantata 11am**

You can catch live broadcasts of our services or watch them after the fact on our Facebook page! Find the link on our website, [CentralPresPB.com](http://www.CentralPresPB.com)

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