

Maundy Thursday

Scripture: I Corinthians 11:23-26

Date: April 1, 2021

Message: *The teaching that I gave you is the same teaching that I received from the Lord: On the night when Jesus was handed over to be killed, he took bread and gave thanks for it. Then he broke the bread and said, "This is my body; it is for you. Do this to remember me."*

In the same way, after they ate, Jesus took the cup. He said, "This cup shows the new agreement from God to his people. This new agreement begins with the blood of my death. When you drink this, do it to remember me." Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show others about the Lord's death until he comes.

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Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter when we remember the last supper and the first communion. My mom has told me that when I was younger, before we went up to the altar to take communion, she would quiz me and ask me why we take communion and what it means. I would tell her that we take communion to remember that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and that the bread represents the body, and the grape juice represents the blood. Finally, I would tell her that "communion is not just a snack."

Now that I am older, I look back and realize that I was repeating "Sunday School answers" and that communion is so much more. Communion is a sign of love - God's amazing love for us. We take communion to remember that God loves us so much that he sent his son down to earth to die for each of us so that we can know him and spend eternity with him in heaven. What an amazing love. My favorite part of this scripture is verse 26. It says that when we eat the bread and drink the juice we show others the Lord's love. I think that this is a great way to share God's love with other people. So when we take communion, we can remember the love that God has for us and show others of his love, too.

Prayer: *Dear God, thank you for this season of Lent and that we can remember your love for us through communion. I pray that you help us share your love to others. Amen.*

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