

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Last Supper and Tenebrae

Hyattsville Mennonite Church
Hyattsville, Maryland

March 28, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Welcome - to this time of eating together and remembering the story of Jesus' last days. We have heard stories of being altered by the Spirit during this Lenten season. Tonight, we hear how Jesus himself was altered by the Spirit. And we wonder how we might also be altered by the Spirit.

Call to Worship

The table has been prepared, as Jesus requested,
and we are invited to the meal.

We come to the table -

like Peter, with more enthusiasm than resolve,
like James and John, dismayed by the priorities of God's reign.

We come to the table -

like Martha hosting and leading with confidence,
like Mary, full of love and grief.

We come to the table -

like Judas, disillusioned and rebellious
like Mary Magdalene, faithful to the end.

We come to the table where Jesus offers the bread and cup.

We come to the table of Christ.

Hymn - 487 Gracias, Señor

The Common Meal - *Our meal this evening is lentils and rice, bread, fruit, and veggies. As we share this food together, we remember the Loved Ones who are in jail and prison, eating less tasty food and longing for home.*

Reading from John 13:1-17

As an act of service and connection you are invited to write a card(s) to an LAR Loved One in prison. You may go to the table, where cards and recommended messages are provided.

The Service of Tenebrae - *In this ancient service of the church, twelve candles are extinguished as the passion story is read from the gospel, symbolizing the total desertion of Jesus by all his disciples.*

Hymn VT 319 Stay with Me, the Night has Come

Reading from Mark 14-15

Sharing of the Bread & Cup will happen during the third reading.

After the final candle is extinguished, you may remain in silent meditation at the tables. Those who wish may go upstairs to write a reflection/question/confession on a piece of paper. You may then go to the parking lot and you're your reflection/question/confession in the fire pit or nail it to the cross. You are invited to depart quietly, as we wait for the dawn on Resurrection morning.