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# MAUNDY THURSDAY

A LIVING LAST SUPPER AT HOME



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CHURCH OF  
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THIS MAUNDY THURSDAY AT HOME GUIDE TAKES PLACE IN  
THREE SCENES:

THE FIRST AT YOUR DINNER TABLE.

THE SECOND IN YOUR BACK YARD.

THE THIRD IS ONLINE.

READ THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES, THE PRAYERS AND THE  
REFLECTION QUESTIONS, EITHER ALONE OR TOGETHER  
WITH YOUR FAMILY.

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## **SCENE ONE:** AT YOUR DINNER TABLE

Jesus' last supper took place around an ordinary dinner table, not unlike the one you have in your home.

Tonight for Maundy Thursday, have dinner at your dinner table with the nicest dinnerware you can find. Pray these prayers together and read the stories of Jesus' last supper.

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### **1. PRAY**

Holy and merciful God,  
We give great thanks for Christ Jesus, who's body was broken and who's blood was poured out in your love for this world.  
As we eat this meal tonight, may we in our own ways come to be broken and poured out as well, in love for you and for others. In your name we pray, Amen.

### **2. READ**

Luke 22:7-27  
Matthew 26:17-30  
John 13:2-9

### **3. REFLECT**

Imagine you are at the table at the Last Supper. What would you have thought when Jesus said "one of you will betray me?"

At the Last Supper, the disciples get into an argument over who is the greatest among them. Do you ever find yourself comparing yourself to others? What does it take to stop comparing yourself?

Now imagine Jesus getting down to wash your feet. What would you have thought? What would you have said? Would you have wanted him to?



## SCENE TWO: IN YOUR YARD

After his supper,  
Jesus and a few of  
his disciples went  
out to a garden on  
the mount of  
olives to pray.  
This garden was  
something like a  
backyard grove of  
olive trees.

After your dinner  
is over, go out  
into your backyard  
with to and pray  
and read the  
stories of Jesus in  
the garden.

### 1. READ

Luke 22:39-53  
Matthew 26:36-56  
John 18:1-14

### 2. REFLECT

As Jesus prays in the garden, he repeatedly says to God, "thy will be done, and not my own." Are there situations in your own life where this prayer might be helpful?

Why do you think the mob comes to arrest Jesus by night? Why not arrest him in the temple as he taught?

When the mob comes to arrest Jesus, his disciples try to fight back. What would you have done? Would you have tried to defend Jesus?

### 3. PRAY

Holy and Merciful God,  
Our souls are overwhelmed with sorrow  
If it is this possible, take this cup of suffering  
away from us...  
illness...  
loneliness...  
fear...  
anxiety...  
greif...  
others...  
...yet not as we will, but may thy will be done.  
Amen.



## SCENE THREE: ONLINE

Go visit our church website, [www.fpcdunn.org](http://www.fpcdunn.org), and watch the Maundy Thursday Psalm 22 & Psalm 23 video.

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### 1. READ

Psalm 22  
Psalm 23

### 2. REFLECT

Every year on Maundy Thursday, we end our service by hearing the words of Psalm 22. This is a Psalm written by King David as he faced defeat by his enemies. Jesus recited this Psalm while dying on the cross.

Psalm 23 is the counterpart to Psalm 22. While Psalm 22 cries out to God in confusion and pain, Psalm 23 declares the peace of God in the midst of trouble.

As you hear the Psalms read together: what do you notice?

Which Psalm is easier for you to identify with, in your life right now?

Which Psalm do you, in your life right now, need to work harder to understand? Why do you think that is?

Finally, every year we end our Maundy Thursday service by slamming the Bible shut as the lights go out. Why do you think we do this?

### 3. PRAY

Our God, our God!  
Have you forsaken us?  
Be our shepherd, O Lord,  
And as we walk through this darkest valley,  
Comfort us.  
In your name we pray, Amen.