

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
HAND WASHING
SERVICE**



Mar 28, 2024, 7:00pm

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light our candle tonight as people have lit candles for generations. Let its light shine brightly at our table that it may illumine our hearts.

Call to Worship

We gather in the upper room, ready to share love with Christ and with one another. **We come to hear again the old, old story in new ways. We are here to worship and to witness. So come, the hour is at hand.**

Gathering Prayer

Holy One, tonight we sit at your table. Help us to recognize the gifts you have given us, to know you more deeply and walk with you and our neighbours in the valley of the shadow of death. **We thank you for this meal which is before us. Though we wish we could share it in physical space with those we love, let our spirits connect with one another as we eat and as we remember. Amen.**

***Opening Hymn:** VU #469 “We Gather Here”

Scripture: John 13:3-17

Sacred Music: “Gethsemane” (*Choir with soloists Val Zuk and Marianne McRae*)

Wondering Questions:

I wonder...

- What your response would be if Jesus tried to wash your feet?
- What Jesus was thinking when he spoke with Peter?

Sermon: He Washes My Feet!!

***Hymn:** VU# 593 “Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love”

Litany of Light

Blessed are you Holy One, our God, Creator of the universe.

You form light and create darkness, make peace, and give life to all things.

Let us open ourselves to deep mystery of Jesus’ love and let it come. In this light may His love be born again among us.

Poem Dedication: Judas Ate Too (*Melanie Kelch*)

Water of Love, the Servants Basin; Hand Washing

(All are welcome to the Maundy Thursday Hand Washing Table)

One: Do this in memory of the One who did this for you.

All: I will remember.

***Hymn:** MV#214 “May God’s Sheltering Wings”(X2)

***Commissioning**

Holy Christ, we have gathered in community and we go out into the world, prepared for what will come, for we know how the story continues.

We go out into the world preparing for what might come in our lives, for we do not know how the story continues. But, we know this, we are loved, we are nurtured, in all we do, and in all we need to do, we are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***Benediction**

Go into the night having been fed by the hand of God. Go knowing that though the road is hard, you do not walk alone. **Amen.**

*Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see;
God will be there, watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen*

*** ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Thank you to Sue Foss for being the greeter; to Melanie Kelch for being the lay reader; to the choir with soloists Valerie Zuk and Marianne McRae for their musical contribution and to Steve Hardaker for livestreaming the service.

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We Gather Here

(Come, Share the Lord)

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name,
 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
 the One who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead,
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

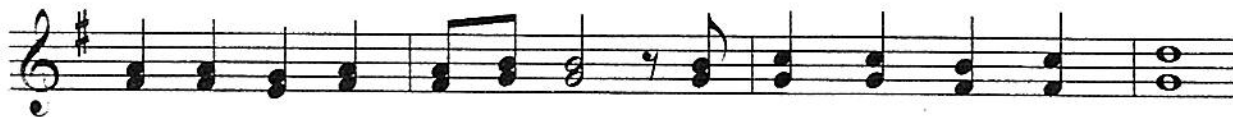
for through the lov - ing son God fash - ions us as one:
 the One we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
 now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

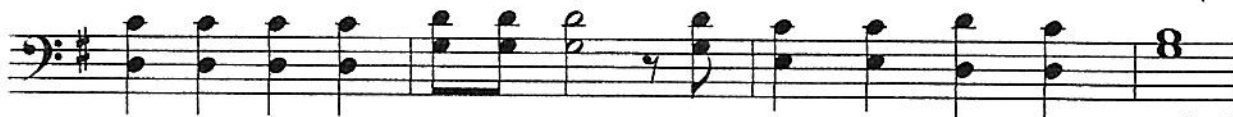
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#469 Pg 2

HOLY COMMUNION



1 No one is a stran-ger here, — ev - ery - one be - longs;
2 We are now a fam - i - ly of which Christ is the head;



D.C.



find - ing our for - give-ness here, we in turn for-give all wrongs.
though un-seen he meets us here in the break-ing of the bread.



Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Refrain (Unison)

F C7 F Am7 Dm7 Gm

Je - su,* Je - su, fill us with your love, show

C7 F Am Gm C7 F (Bb F) Fine

us how to serve the neigh - bours we have from you.

F Dm Gm C7

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bours are rich — and poor, var - ied in col - our and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

A7 Dm F Gm C7 Bb D.C.

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave — to them.
 race, neigh - bours are near — and far — a - way.
 love, all — are neigh - bours to us — and you.
 feet, this is the way we should live — with you.

* 'Jesu' may be pronounced 'Yay-soo'

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CHEREPONI
Irregular with refrain

May God's Sheltering Wings

♩ = 138 C

G/B F/A C/G F C/E

May God's shel - ter - ing wings, her* gath - er - ing wings pro -

Dm G⁷ C G/B F/A C/G

tect you. May God's nur - tur - ing arms, her*

F C/E *rit.* Dm G⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷

crad - ling arms sus - tain you, and

F E Am F Dm G⁷ C

hold you in her* love, and hold you in her* love.

* alternative: "his"

A blessing for baptism, for healing prayer, and for the close of worship.

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