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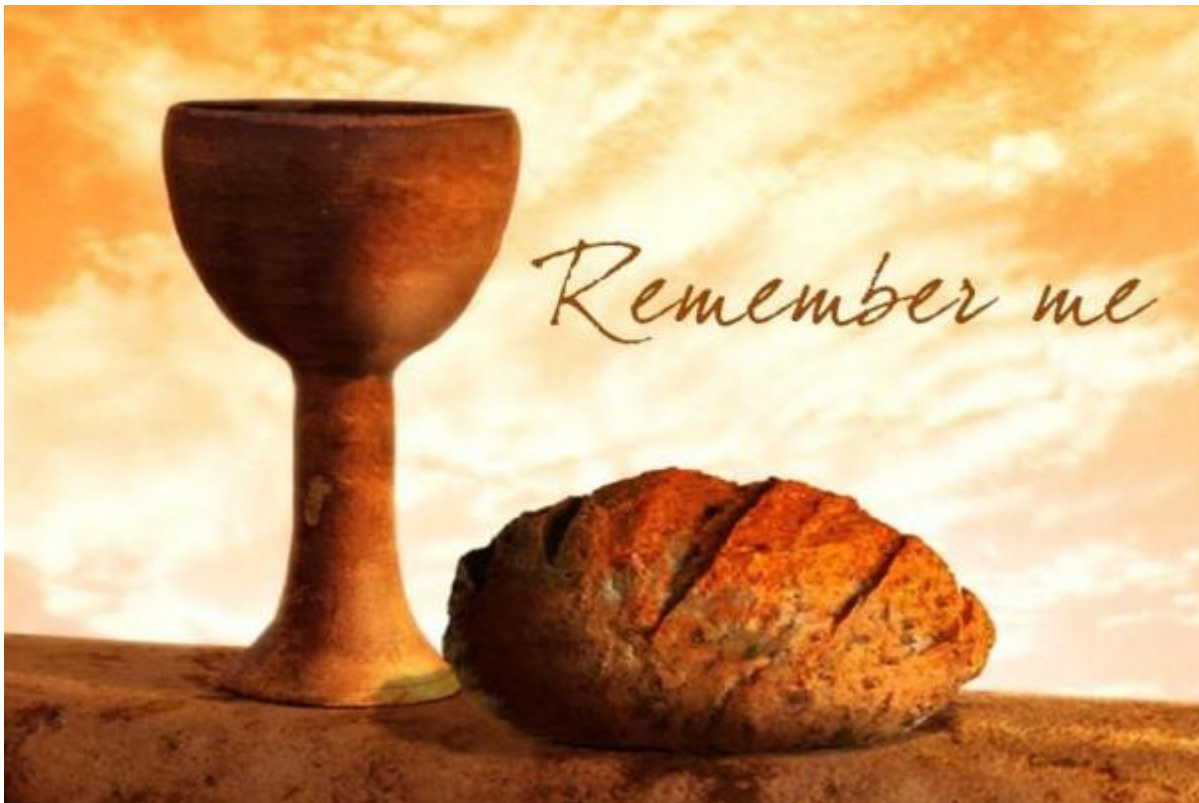
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◆ April 18, 2019 ◆  
**Maundy Thursday Potluck**

*Melrose Community Meal and Communion*

**Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019, 6:15 p.m.**

**BLESSING OF OUR MEAL**

One: Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator of the Universe.  
Through your work, all things were made,  
and by your goodness we have this food to share.  
Blessed be God forever. Amen.

**FOLLOWING OUR MEAL - A CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Hymn* "An Upper Room did Our Lord Prepare" (Tune: O waly waly)

*1 An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there  
to celebrate their risen Friend.*

*2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his cross shall lift us up.*

**PRAYER OF PASSOVER REMEMBRANCE**

One: We are bound to thank, praise, glorify,  
extol and adore God who did all these wonders  
for our ancestors and for us.

God brought us forth from slavery

**All: To freedom,**

One: from anguish

**All: to joy,**

One: from mourning

**All: to festivity,**

One: from darkness

**All: to great light**

One: from bondage

**All: to redemption**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

One: While they were eating their Passover meal,  
Jesus took a loaf of bread,  
and after blessing it he broke it,  
gave it to his friends, and said,  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you  
Do this in remembrance of me."  
Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks  
he gave it to them, saying,  
"This cup that is poured out for you  
is the new covenant in my blood  
which is poured out for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine  
until the reign of God comes."

*The cut bread located on the tables is passed around and held until all are served*

One: The Bread of Life

**All: Amen.**

*We eat the bread at the same time together*

*The wine and grape juice (grape juice is located on the table)*

One: The Cup of blessing

**All: Amen.**

*We take a sip of juice or wine at the same time together*

## **PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

**Patient God, we have received the elements of bread and wine.  
We have come to the table, imperfect, flawed.**

**Yet You, In Christ, receive us and offer to us healing and hope.**

**Forgive our waywardness. Heal our brokenness.**

**Challenge us to live lives of faithfulness and discipleship. Amen.**

*Hymn: "An Upper Room ..." Verses 3 & 4*

*3 And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.*

*4 No end there is! We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond the uttermost:  
\*in every room in our Father's house  
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.*

## **BENEDICTION**

One: Go in peace, into the darkness of the night  
to await the dawn.

**All: Amen.**