

**Trinity Baptist Service**  
**Maudy Thursday Communion 01.04.21**

We come now to the place of remembrance and communion with God and with one another, both in person and in our separate homes. Let's use the words of this poem to help us reflect:

Freedom night it was, called the Passover Feast,  
A night of celebration, for liberation  
By God for his people, the greatest and least,  
Emancipation.

Freedom night it was, but in that upper room  
A strain in their elation, new revelation  
Of impending torment, suffering and gloom,  
Humiliation

Freedom night it was, but soon he would be dead  
For us and our salvation, his supplication  
Through his broken body and the blood he shed.  
For new creation.

Freedom night it was, but none of them could see  
In their imagination, or agitation,  
The victory to come, set truly free.  
Our full salvation.

**Confession**

His body had to be broken and his blood shed because it was the only way that we could be washed clean from our sin. So please join in the words of this confession as they appear on the screen:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
In thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

**Preparation**

Please say the words in yellow:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, you who have brought forth bread from the earth.  
**Blessed be God, now and forever!**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe, you who created the fruit of the vine.  
**Blessed be God, now and forever!**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillsides are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!**

The bread which we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the same loaf.**

The cup for which we give thanks  
is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**The cup which we drink  
is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

We read of the institution of this supper, from Luke 22:14-22

Read: Luke 22:14-22 [Break bread and lift wine at appropriate times]

*14When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. 15And he said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God.'*

*17After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, 'Take this and divide it among you. 18For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'*

*19And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'*

*20In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. 21But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. 22The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!'*

#### Distribution

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Hosanna in the highest!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Eat the bread. Remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given to take away our sin completely.

#### **[Eat bread]**

Drink from the cup. Remember and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed to grant us eternal life.

#### **[Drink Wine]**

#### Conclusion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Not our will, but yours be done.

Amen.