

**Jasper United Church  
March 28th Maundy Thursday**

**Mission Statement**

“Our mission is to worship God and deepen our Christian faith. We strive to seek justice, be an inclusive, caring and accepting community, and to be stewards of God’s world.”

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*“I have set you an example  
that you should do as I have done for you.”  
John 13:15*

**WE GATHER**

***Welcome***

***Land Acknowledgement***

***Christ Candle***

We light this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ, which cannot be held back by doubt or by death, which shines in each one of us, no matter where we are.

**Christ’s Light shines, even in the darkness.**

***Settling Moment***

***Opening Prayer***

God, You have created us in your image;  
desiring relationship, longing the company of one another,  
requiring the presence of You.

**We long to know the assurance of your touch.**

As tomorrow draws near,  
We long for yesterday when things seemed clear,  
and we thought we understood what would be asked of us.  
Now . . . doubts swirl and our vision fades.

**We need Your presence, Your wisdom, Your touch.**

With basin and towel, in bread and wine,  
through the vulnerability of our loving

awaken us to Your presence among us.

**Wash us with your blessing.**

**Come Holy one, dwell within us. Amen**

**Hymn: *Jesus, We Are Here***

**MV 189**

**A Reading: Into Light – written by Malcom Guite**

Here is the source of every sacrament,  
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,  
Replenishing our every element  
Remaking us in his creative Word.  
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,  
The air delights to bear his Spirit’s speech,  
The fire dances where the candles shine,  
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.  
And here He shows the full extent of love  
To us whose love is always incomplete,  
In vain we search the heavens high above,  
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.  
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.  
He meets us here and loves us into light.

**WE LISTEN GOD’S WORD**

***Prayer for Illumination***

**Lead me God through your word; where my understanding limits,  
through your spirit help me see. Amen**

***Gospel Reading:***

John 13: 1-17, 31 b – 35

The Gospel of Christ

**Thanks be to God.**

***Reflection:***

**GOD NURTURES - WE RESPOND**

**Washing Feet and Hands with Christ**

## **We Share in Jesus' Last Supper**

***Closing Hymn: Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love***

**VU 593**

### **The Stripping of the Church**

#### ***Sending Forth and Blessing:***

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;

that wine poured out replenishes;

that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another

is gift and grace.

And that hands outstretched on a cross embrace us in love.

Amen.

On this Holy Path, In these Holy Days,  
make time to intentionally draw closer to God.

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Ministers: All of us by the grace of God

*Worship Leader: Rev. Linda McLaren*