

SOME BACKGROUND WORDS ...

Agapé Meal: The Greek word agapé means the love of God or Christ, or the love of Christians for one another. The term was also applied in the early church to the common religious meal which took place in conjunction with the Eucharist or Communion

Maundy Thursday: The Thursday immediately preceding Easter is the day that Christians traditionally remember the Last Supper and the Washing of the Disciples' Feet believed to have taken place at the same time. Services on this day go back as far as the 4th century AD. The word "Maundy" comes from the words spoken by Jesus that day: "And now I give you a new commandment" (John 13:34). In Latin, this latter phrase was "mandatum novum". In Old French, "mandatum" became "mande" meaning *command* and thus into English as "Maundy".

Tenebrae: The word "tenebrae" means *darkness* or *shadows* and is the term historically used for the liturgy commemorating the Passion which is followed during the last three days of Holy Week. The name came from the ceremony during the later Middle Ages of extinguishing the lights in church one by one during the service after the reading of a series of psalms. The only light in the mediaeval sanctuary came from a "hearse" or triangular frame bearing the candles. One by one, they were extinguished with the increasing darkness signifying the suffering and death of Jesus. In subsequent times, the reading of the psalms was replaced by the lessons from the Biblical passion narrative.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Peterborough, Ontario



Maundy Thursday Service

2nd April 2011

6:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Communion & Tenebrae Service

21st April 2011

AGAPÉ MEAL

Call to Worship
Prayer of Approach
Invitation

Hymn (See insert) "Tw'as on that night"

The Apostles' Creed

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn (See insert) "Go to dark Gethsemane"

TENEBRAE

(Lights are lowered for Service of Tenebrae.

After each lesson, the reader will extinguish a candle and there will be a pause for a short time of silent meditation.)

Piano Solo: "Water Music" [Dean Perry]

Douglas Schalin

The Washing: John 13:1-9

Joan Lucas

The Meal: Mark 14:12-31

Dave Graham

Gethsemane: Mark 14:32-41

Rod Smith

The Arrest: Mark 14:43-50; 66-72

Douglas Schalin

The Trial: Mark 15:1-20

Liz Graham

The Crucifixion: Mark 15:21-32

Eric Prugh

The End: Mark 15:33-47

Sheryl Smith

Benediction

Silent Recessional

*(The assembled group leaves silently
in a spirit of quiet reflection and prayer)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacrament of Communion: We welcome all members of any branch of the Church of Jesus Christ to join with us this evening in this service which commemorates the Last Supper. The service will be conducted at the tables where we have shared the agapé meal. One tray of wafers accompanied by a chalice will be passed round the outside of the tables and another tray and chalice passed round the inside. Please take a wafer and dip it in the wine and partake as you receive the elements.

Thank you to Sheryl Smith and the Worship Committee for their organisational work in bringing about this evening's meal and service; to our readers and to our Director of Music, Douglas Schalin.

Good Friday Service: Tomorrow, we mark one of the holiest and most solemn days in the Christian year with our Good Friday Service here in St. Paul's at 10:00 am. We look forward to you being with us.

Easter Sunrise Service: Please join us bright and early on Easter Sunday morning as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. This ecumenical service will take place at 7:00 a.m. in Victoria Park and is sponsored by the Church of the Open Bible, George St. United, Murray St. Baptist, St. Andrew's United, St. John's Anglican, St. Paul's Presbyterian and The Salvation Army. The service will be led by clergy and church leaders from the participating churches and The Salvation Army Band. A light breakfast will be served afterwards at Murray Street Baptist Church.

Easter Sunday Service will take place at 10:00 a.m. as we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with the joyful music and the hope-filled message that this special Sunday in the Christian Year always brings.

