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Grace, Mercy and Peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior...

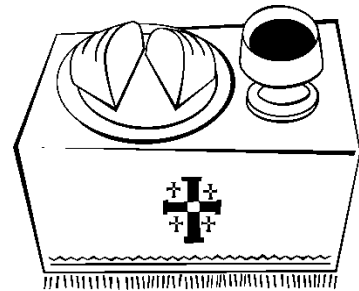
As we walk through this Season of Lent, I'm very glad that we will be celebrating Communion on both Maundy Thursday and also Easter Sunday. Communion is when we get to act out the faith we profess...

In my daily devotions, I've been reading Henri Nouwen's "Christ's Gift To Us Today"

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Cor. 11:26

"I am your God and will be faithful to you even when you won't be faithful to me." says God. Human history reveals God's desire for intimacy with us: first God was the God for us as our protector and shield, second in Jesus, God became the God with us, our companion and friend, third, Jesus sent the Spirit and God became the God within us, our very breath and heartbeat.

Our life is full of brokenness- broken relationships, broken promises, broken expectations. How can we live that brokenness without becoming bitter and resentful except by returning again and again to God's faithful presence in our lives? Without this "place" of return, our journey easily leads us to darkness and despair. But with this safe and solid home, we can keep renewing our faith, and keep trusting that the many setbacks of life move us forward to an always greater bond with the God of the covenant."



As I begin preparing for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services, I hope you can recognize God's same love for us in...

Palm Sunday: "Anticipatory Gratitude" Isaiah 50:4-9a, Luke 19:29-48, and Psalm 118:19-29.

Maundy Thursday: "Dirty Feet" John 13:1-17, 34-35

Easter Sunday: "Have You Been Re-Minded?" Isaiah 65:17-25, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

Blessings to all... Pastor Dave