

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Solemn Service of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

aundy Thursday (from the Latin, mandatum, meaning "commandment" as found in John 13:34) serves with Good Friday and Easter Sunday as one continuous service commemorating the passion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As the service is continuous, there is no benediction pronounced until Easter.

At Communion, you will be invited to come to the Communion Table and partake of the bread and cup according to an ancient practice known as "intinction," whereby the bread is taken, dipped into the cup and then eaten together "in remembrance" of Christ.

Clergy stoles signify the servant towel worn by Christ as he washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. Red reminds us of the blood of Christ shed for our sin. As the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus Christ is read from John 17,

the church will be "stripped" to signify Christ's moving from the Passover meal toward Calvary where he became the final and complete Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world. The crown of thorns recalls Christ's trial and crucifixion. The bare church is designed to remind us of the grave into which Christ descended on Good Friday.

Most portions of this service are adapted from John Calvin's 1542 Geneva order of worship for Holy Communion. John Calvin (1509–1564) was a French theologian, church reformer and pastor, whom Protestant churches in the Reformed tradition (such as Park Street Church) regard as a major formulator of their beliefs. Other portions of this service are derived from Reformed practices over the centuries.

Please refrain from speaking upon entering the sanctuary. Hymns will not be announced. A nursery is available tonight on the first floor of Two Park Street for children five years of age and under. ASL translation will be provided at the front left side of the sanctuary, and gluten-free Communion wafers may be received in the front center of the sanctuary.

Worship Leaders: [name omitted in web version], Phil Thorne, Bill

Hanna, Paula Hanna, Adam Herndon, Zane Kang

Music: The Sanctuary Choir; Dan Schmunk, Director;

Nathan Skinner, Director of Music & Organist

Cover Art: Adrian Johnston

Congregation standing

THE CONGREGATION ENTERS IN SILENCE

Prelude Adagio for Strings Samuel Barber Nathan Skinner, organ (1910–1981) Hymn This is the Night, Dear Friends 1. This night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing, 2. This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold, 3. This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho ly sup - per, 4. This night the Lord slaves shall rest - ed, by be ar make shar - ers, Sav - ior, of 0 us your pas - sion, 1. when pow'rs of dark ness ver - come the day, o 2. be - trays him - self his vic - tim's in - to will; 3. blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind; 4. he who de - stroys our slav to sin; er 5. that we may share your glo - ry that shall be; faith - ful the weight 1. the night the mourn of 2. the Lamb of God for ri - fice sac pre par - ing, 3. this night in - jus - tice joins its hands to 4. ac - cused of crime. crim - i - nals giv - en, to be us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row 1. where - by sins the Son of Man our be trav. sin brings a bout the cure for sin's own ill. 3. and buys for death the ran - som of man - kind. 4. that judg - ment on the right - eous judge be gin. 5. Eas - ter's ter and lib laugh its er Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142) trans. 1980 | Richard L. Sturch (b. 1936)

Music: Intercessor, 1904 | C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918) 11 10. 11 10

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Note: This hymn explores the dramatic irony woven into our redemption story, in which Evil is the unwitting captain of its own demise. This idea is distilled at the cross itself, where the greatest evil Evil could muster achieved the greatest good that will ever be.

* Psalm 116:1-9

Leader: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Leader: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me; I was overcome with trouble and sorrow.

People: Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, save me!"

Leader: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

People: The LORD protects the simplehearted; when I was in great need,

he saved me.

Leader: Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

People: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

* The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin

Silently and then in unison (kneeling or sitting):

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace is omitted, remembering that Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

* Hymn Nº 248

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Prayers of the People (kneeling or sitting)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 12:1-4; 11-14

PSALM 116:12-17

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD.

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the LORD.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Anthem

Agnus Dei from Mass for Double Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us

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Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Words: ancient hymn; adapt. John 1:29 | Frank Martin (1890–1974)

* Gospel Reading

John 13:1-15

MEDITATION

[omitted in web version]

Anthem

O Sacrum Convivium

O sacrum convivium! mens impletur gratia,

O sacred banquet! the mind is filled with grace

in quo Christus sumitur, et futurae gloriae, nobis pignus datur

in which Christ is received, and the pledge of future glory is given to us.

recolitur memoria passionis eius; Christe eleison (Χριστέ ἐλέησον)

the memory of his passion is renewed, Christ, have mercy.

Words: attr. St. Thomas Aquinas | Music: 2014, Kim André Arnesan (b. 1980)

* The Lord's Supper

Minister: The LORD be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the LORD.

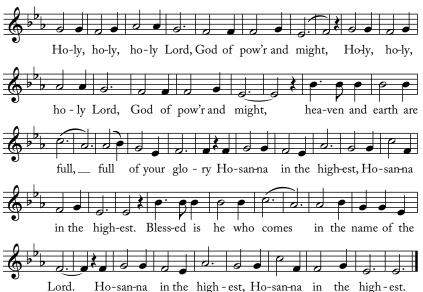
Minister: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks

and praise, O Lord, our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth, and create the fruit of the vine. You made us in your image, and freed us from the bonds of slavery. You claimed us as your people, and made covenant to be our God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, and brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. When we forgot you, and our faith was weak, you spoke through the prophets, calling us to turn again to your ways. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Congregation:



Music: from Deutsche Messe, 1826 | Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

* Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (as below)

Our Father who art in heaven;

Hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our coming day's bread;

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymn N° 429 Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured Jesus, me Hymn N° 422 'Twas On That Night

Jesus, meine Zuversicht Rockingham

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



Words: 1820, James Montgomery (1771–1854) | Music: Petra, 1853; Richard Readhead (1820–1901) 77. 77. 77

THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER & STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

John 17

THE CONGREGATION DEPARTS IN SILENCE

Good Friday services are tomorrow at Noon & 7:30 pm.
Easter services are Sunday at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM and 4:00 pm.

