Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the climax of Holy Week, as Jesus shares his last meal with his friends before he is betrayed. The word “maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum* [*novum*], the first word of the Latin phrase meaning, “A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Jesus says this in John’s Gospel shortly after he washes the disciples’ feet. Maundy Thursday is also the night that Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper with the words, “Do this in remembrance of me.” At the conclusion of the service, all worship articles and adornments are removed from the altar and chancel. This stripping symbolizes both the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples, and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion.
The congregation is asked to keep silence during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**Gathering**

**Prelude**

Pange lingua pour orgue
III. In supremae nocte
IV. Verbum caro

_Naji Hakim_

*On the night of the Last Supper, reclining with his friends, once the custom had been fully observed with the prescribed foods, as food to the twelve he gives himself. The Word as flesh makes true bread into flesh by a word, and the wine becomes the blood of Christ. And if sense is deficient to strengthen a sincere heart, faith alone suffices._

—_Medieval Latin text_

**Greeting and Call to Worship**

*Opening Hymn | UMH 290*

Go to Dark Gethsemane

*Prayer of Confession | In unison:*

God of grace, you have come to us in our Savior Christ, but we have reviled him, denied him, even betrayed him with a kiss. We have not faithfully followed his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Reveal your love through the bread and wine we share tonight, since your love is constant in the face of our infidelity. Restore us by the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*The Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.*

Minister:  The peace of Christ be with you.
People:   And also with you.

*All rise as able*
Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Exodus 12:1–14

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Meaningless Conversations in Meaningful Times

During the singing of the response hymn and anthem, the congregation is invited to participate in the act of foot washing in either of the transepts of the Chapel. Worshipers are invited to wash the feet of another person and to have their own feet washed by pouring water from a pitcher over each other’s feet and into a basin in an act of prayerful service.

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us  

RYBURN
Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso Deum vivum.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
We are gathered into one by the love of Christ.
Let us rejoice in the living God.
Let us fear and love the living God.
And let us love one another with a sincere heart. Amen.

—Latin hymn, c. 9th cent.

Thanksgiving and Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical Setting D, found on page 23 in the hymnal.

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English text can be found at 895 in the pew hymnal.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Bread and wine are used for communion. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, or to drink from a common cup, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant’s desk. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn | UMH 631

O Food to Pilgrims Given

O welt, ich muss dich lassen
Communion Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: 
vvere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine: 
cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: 
este nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, 
who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, 
whose side was pierced, whence flowed [water] and blood: 
Be for us a foretaste of heaven in the hour of death.

—attr. Pope Innocent III (1198–1216)

Sending Forth

The Stripping of the Altar | As Psalm 22 is chanted by the cantors, the 
vestments and paraments are removed from the chancel, and the cross is 
draped in black cloth. Once the ministers have departed, the people may 
continue in prayer or depart in silence. The absence of a benediction and 
postlude is to remind us that the story of Christ’s passion and death continues 
on Good Friday.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Racquel Gill .................... Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel
Luke A. Powery .................. Dean, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Marc Lavarin ..................... Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, NC; Divinity ’18

Lector
Mallory Poff ........................ Pratt ’25

Musicians
Duke Chapel Choir .................. Choir
Zebulon Highben .................. Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Chad Fothergill .................. Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Holy Week and Easter | Join us as we move through the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ with worship services and concerts during Holy Week and Easter. See the full schedule at chapel.duke.edu/holyweek.

- **Procession of the Stations of the Cross**—Friday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m. on the Duke Chapel Quad
- **Good Friday Noon Service**—Friday, March 29, at 12-noon
- **Good Friday Tenebrae**—Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday Organ Recital**—Saturday, March 30, at 12-noon in Goodson Chapel at Duke Divinity School
- **Easter Sunrise Service**—Sunday, March 31, at 6:30 a.m. in Duke Gardens
- **Easter Service with Holy Communion**—Sunday, March 31, at 9:00 a.m.
- **Easter Day Service**—Sunday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m.
- **Easter Day Choral Evensong**—Sunday, March 31, at 4:00 p.m.
1. Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness trust and chosen wrong, half-free, half-bound by ceive us as your own, not through some merit, us, and call us friends. Suffer and serve till live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit’s still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed. inner chains, by social forces swept along, right or claim, but by your gracious love alone. all are fed, and show how grandly love intends liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair, We come, with all our heart and mind by pow’rs and systems close confined, We strain to glimpse your mercy seat to work till all creation sings, and offer all that faith can do your call to hear, your love to find. yet seeking hope for human kind. and find you kneeling at our feet. to fill all worlds, to crown all things. while love is making all things new.
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