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” is said to be derived from the Latin word mandatum, the first word of the Latin phrase “Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos” (“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you”). Jesus uses this statement in John’s Gospel to explain the significance of washing 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.” As a way to remember that night, all the worship articles and adornments are removed from the altar. This act symbolizes both the suspension of Holy Communion, which is not celebrated on Good Friday, and the abandonment and humiliation of Jesus Christ.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

Gathering

Organ Prelude

* O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656
  (O Spotless Lamb of God)
  Johann Sebastian Bach
  (1685–1750)

Greeting

*Opening Hymn 290
  Go to Dark Gethsemane
  REDHEAD 76

Proclamation

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 stand and exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup of suffering prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 56 in the pew Bible

Exodus 12:1–4, 11–14

  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson | NT page 163 in the pew Bible

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

  Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
  People: Thanks be to God.

* All who are able may stand
*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 101-102 in the pew Bible
John 13: 1–17, 31-35

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Object Lessons

Response

Foot Washing | During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to participate in the act of foot washing in Memorial Chapel. Worshippers are invited to wash the feet of another person and to have their feet washed at one of the foot washing stations in Memorial Chapel. Worshippers will pour water from a pitcher over the feet of another person and into a basin in an act of prayerful service.

*Hymn 605
Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters BEACH SPRING

Anthem
Ubi Caritas Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

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

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ’s love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Thanksgiving and Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical setting C on page 20 in the hymnal. The congregation sings the responses.

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the 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. Wine is used for Communion. If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Music During Distribution
Communion Anthem

O sacrum convivium! Déodat de Séverac
(1872-1921)

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Therefore let us, with heads bowed,
Venerate so great a sacrament,
And let the old practice yield
To the new rite;
Let faith provide a supplement
For the failure of the senses.

Genitori, genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

To the begetter and the begotten
Be praise and jubilation,
Salvation, honor, virtue also,
And blessing,
And let equal praise be to him,
Who proceeds from them both.
Amen.

Sending Forth

The Stripping of the Altar and Draping of the Cross | Once the ministers have departed, the people may continue in prayer or depart in silence.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery ...........................................Dean of Duke Chapel
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.........................Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel

PREACHER
Ms. Christine Parton-Burkett ......................Lecturing Fellow at Duke Divinity School

LECTORS
Ms. Emma Friesen.......................Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Chapel Scholar, Trinity '22
Ms. Lizzy Kramer.......................................................Chapel Scholar, Trinity '22

MUSICIANS
Duke University Chapel Choir............................................Choir
Dr. Philip Cave...........................................Director of Chapel Music
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ........................................Chapel Organist

GUEST PREACHER | This evening's Boyles Fund guest preacher is Ms. Christine Parton-Burkett, a lecturing fellow at Duke Divinity School. She holds degrees in theater and speech-language pathology and describes herself as a “professional pew-sitter.” An experienced preaching coach, she is skilled at assessing the sermon and the preacher to encourage strengths and identify potential growth.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left sound desk.