Duke University Chapel

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Károly Kernstok, *Last Supper,* 1921

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

Ubi caritas et amor — Gerald Near

Greeting and Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** | UMH 290

Go to Dark Gethsemane — REDHEAD 76

***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.

Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination | In unison:

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.

***All rise as able**

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 56 in the pew Bible.

Exodus 12:1–14

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

***Gospel Lesson** | NT pages 101–102 in the pew Bible.

John 13: 1–17, 31b–35

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

Sermon

The Servant King

Response

Foot Washing | 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.

Response Hymn | See hymn printed at the end of worship guide.

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us — RYBURN

Anthem

Ubi Caritas — Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

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 glad in him.
Let us fear and let us love the living God,
and may we love each other with a sincere heart.

—Latin antiphon

Thanksgiving and Holy 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 Anthem

Thee We Adore — T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892–1964)

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee
Who in thy sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail.
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
who living bread to us doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on Thee,
and thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
cleanse us, unclean, in thy most cleansing flood;
increase our faith and love, that we may know
the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
may what we thirst for soon our portion be,
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.

—St. Thomas Aquinas, based on plainsong hymn

Communion Hymn | UMH 631

O Food to Pilgrims Given — O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN

Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

The Stripping of the Altar | As Psalm 88 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

Luke A. Powery . . . . . *Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Bruce Puckett . . . . . *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Matt Mahla . . . . . *Campus Minister, Reformed University Fellowship*

Lector

Samantha Lullo . . . . . *Pratt '27*
Kadin Purath . . . . . *Trinity '26*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir . . . . . *Choir*
Zebulon Highben . . . . . *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Chad Fothergill . . . . . *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Jaclyn Brown . . . . . *Soloist*
Monica Szabo-Nyeste . . . . . *Soloist*

Head Usher
Ken Arneson . . . . . *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

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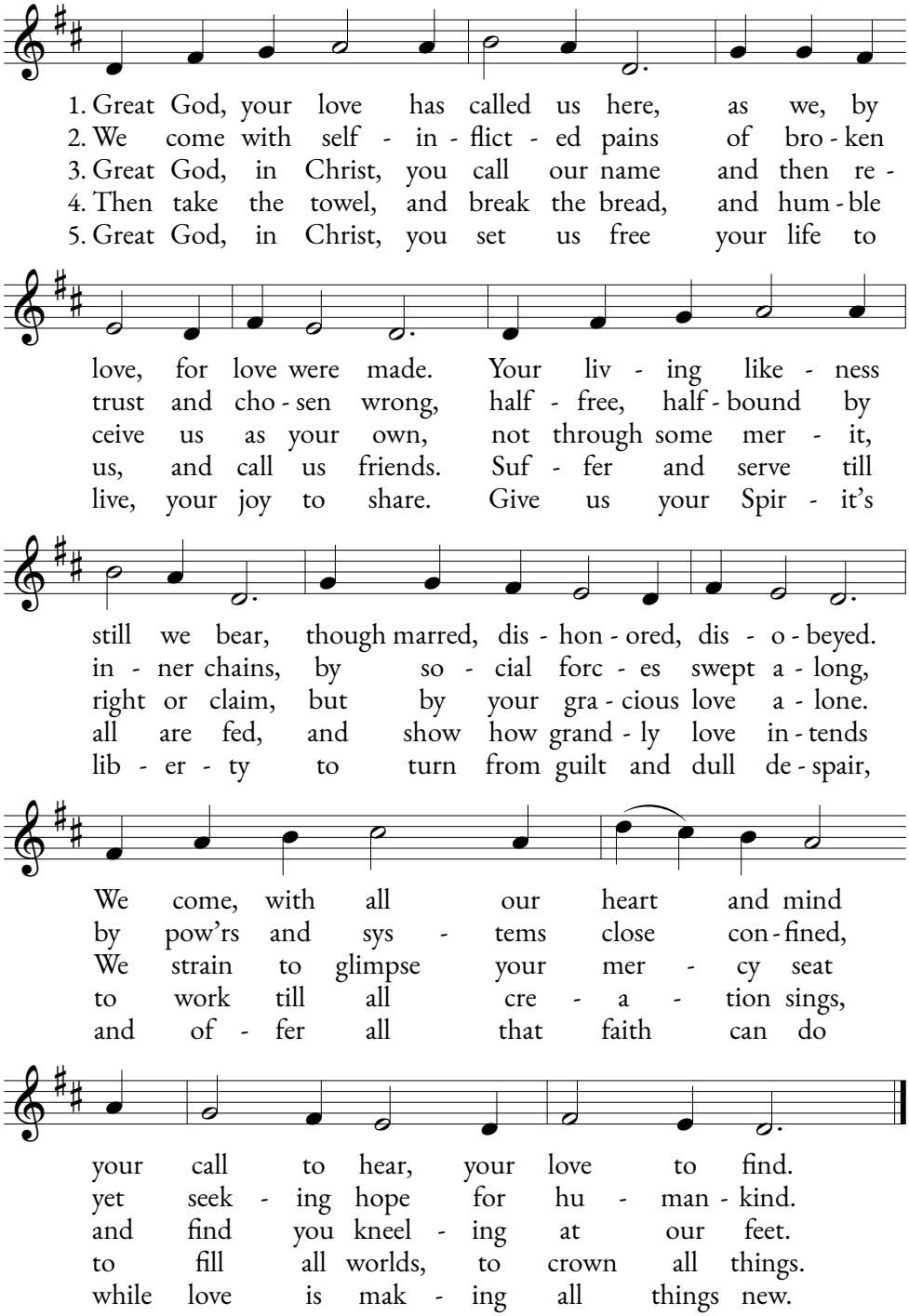
Today's Guest Preacher | Matt Mahla has been the campus minister for the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Duke since 2018. A native New Englander, he attended Vanderbilt University where he grew tremendously in his faith in Jesus through the presence of RUF and a strong community of Christian friends. He graduated from Gordon-Conwell with a master of divinity and a master of arts in counseling, and then he worked for a year as a social worker in Boston. His favorite part of being a campus minister is hanging out with Duke students. When not on campus, you can find Mahla exploring new places with Bethany, chasing after his kids, running, cooking, getting depressed watching Vanderbilt sports, or chipping plastic golf balls in his yard in hopes of one day actually being good at golf.

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, April 18, at 11:30 a.m. on the Duke Chapel Quad
- **Good Friday Noon Service**—Friday, April 18, at 12-noon
- **Good Friday Tenebrae**— Friday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Easter Sunrise Service**—Sunday, April 20, at 6:30 a.m. in Duke Gardens (because the Gardens' visitor center is undergoing renovations, please see our website for special parking instructions)
- **Easter Service with Holy Communion**—Sunday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m.
- **Easter Day Service**—Sunday, April 20, at 11:00 a.m.
- **Easter Day Choral Evensong**— Sunday, April 20, at 4:00 p.m.

RESPONSE HYMN | Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



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