

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m.



Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet Mural, Victoria Falls, Zambia, c. 2000

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the great Easter celebration. 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 on the cross.

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig (O Lamb of God), BWV 656

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Go to Dark Gethsemane

GETHSEMANE

Proclamation

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

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. Since your love is constant in the face of our infidelity, reveal your love again to us. Restore us by the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

Minister: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

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

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23–26

*Gospel Lesson

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Homily

A Growing Table

Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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Thanksgiving and Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

The leader gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

...therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The leader continues, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit, and recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper. The leader concludes:

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The leader praises the Trinity, concluding:

...through whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer

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 daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

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. Please see the instructions in the 'Today in Worship' section.

Tantum Ergo Déodat de Séverac (1872–1921)

Tantum ergo sacramentum veneremur cernui, et antiquum documentum novo cedat ritui; praestet fides supplementum sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque laus et iubilatio, salus, honor, virtus quoque sit et benedictio; procedenti ab utroque compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Such a great sacrament, then, let us bow down and adore, and let the old covenant give way to the new: let faith provide for the weakness of the senses.

To the Father and the Son let there be praise and jubilation, salvation, honor, strength and blessing; and to the Spirit proceeding from both let there be equal glory. Amen.

Sending Forth

Stripping of the Altar | Psalm 22 is chanted as the altar is stripped and the cross is draped in black.

There is no benediction or closing voluntary on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, reminding us that the worship of these Three Days continues on Easter morning.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PREACHER

LECTORS

MUSICIANS

PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNION All worshipers are invited to provide their own communion elements at home and to watch the service online. During the service, the minister will prompt you when to partake of communion. If you would like to participate, please prepare your own bread and cup and have it ready for the service.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ONLINE SERVICES | We continue our celebration of Holy Week and Easter with these online services: a Midday service on April 2 at 12-noon; Good Friday service April 2 at 7:30 p.m., and Easter Day service April 4 at 11:00 a.m. All of the services will be presented via livestream on the Chapel website and also broadcast on the Duke Hospital television system channel 12. Find details here.

HYMNS FOR APRIL 1, 2021

Opening Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

GETHSEMANE



Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

HYMNS FOR APRIL 1, 2021

Response Hymn

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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