

THE THREE DAYS
Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14, 2022
6:00 P.M.

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Beloved people of God:

This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love

and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us one again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Silence is kept.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

...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. Hosanna in the highest!

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with your love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Théodore Dubois, 1867

I. Introduction

O all ye who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me: was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow? For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me. Call me now no more Naomi, from today call me Mara.

II. First Word

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

III. Second Word

Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me. Amen, so I tell thee.

IV. Third Word

See, O woman! here behold thy Son beloved.

V. Fourth Word

God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?

VI. Fifth Word
I am athirst!

VII. Sixth Word
Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul.

VIII. Seventh Word
It is finished!

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Silence is kept as the paraments and other items are removed from the worship space.

All may depart in silence.

The service continues on Good Friday at noon.

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TONIGHT

Rev. Matt Curry

Communion Server: Larry Hale

MUSICIANS

The First Presbyterian Church Choir

Dennis Jewett, Music Director

Patrick Ritsch, Organist

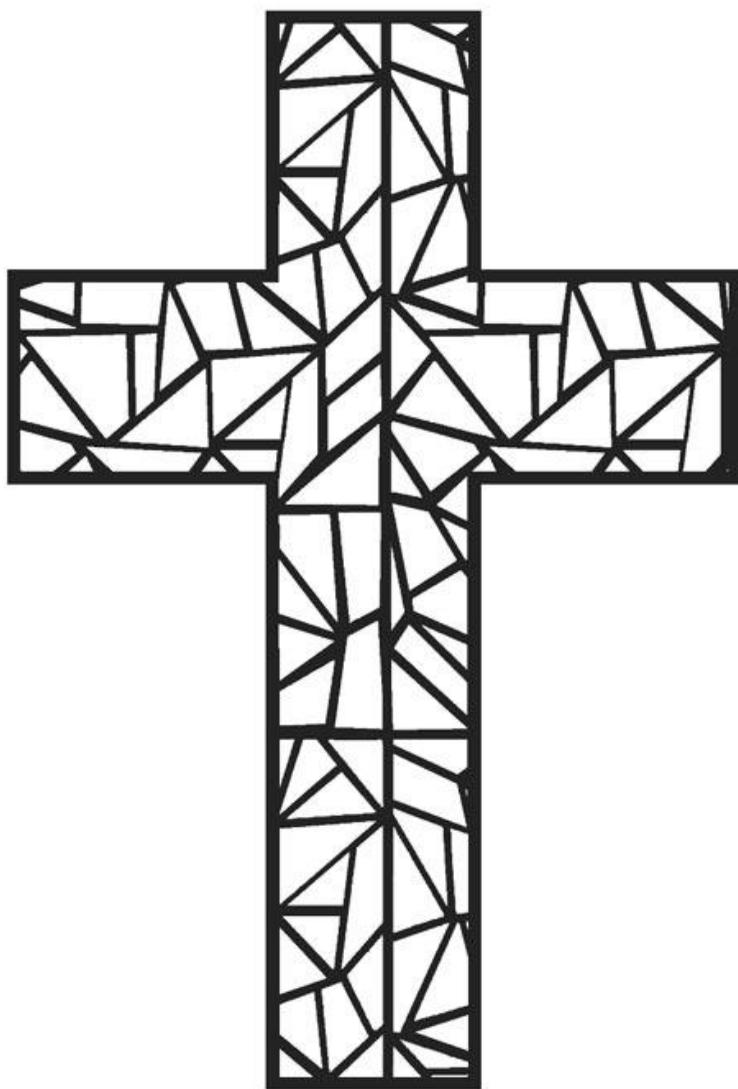
Shelby Ratliff, Soprano

Kenneth Oeth, Tenor

Tevin Vincent, Baritone

The liturgy for the Three Days proclaims one dramatic story in three acts. The events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter are best understood as one service, unfolding over the course of three days. The Three Days encompasses the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter. Like the threshold of a door, it stands between the two seasons—as through the suffering and sorrow of Jesus’ death we enter into God’s promise of abundant and everlasting life.

Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, Latin for commandment) proclaims Jesus’ new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. The liturgy begins with an emphasis on confession and forgiveness, concluding the penitential season of Lent. It ends with the stripping of the church in preparation for worship on Good Friday.





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and to join God in the building of a
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