

MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 28, 2024



The Last Supper, Salvador Dali (1955)

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Maundy Thursday

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

SILENT PROCESSION OF CLERGY, CHOIR AND ELDERS

MUSIC FOR PREPARATION

Siciliano from *Sonata IV*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Jorge Rodríguez Ochoa, violin

OPENING SENTENCES

1 Peter 2:24

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.
Blessed is the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed
and to be given over to the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN — No. 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O WALY WALY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE 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 once again to your table
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lord, Jesus Think on Me

SOUTHWELL

Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin. From
earth - born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.

The musical notation consists of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 5th century; trans. Allen W. Chatfield, 1876, alt.
As found at Hymn No. 417, *Glory to God* hymnal

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Forgive Our Sins

DETROIT

Lord, cleanse the depths with - in - our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.
Then, by your mer - cy rec - con - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

The musical notation consists of two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody is more complex than the first hymn, with lyrics written below the notes.

***PASSING THE PEACE, LOVE, AND JOY OF CHRIST TO OTHERS**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

Chancel Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.

-Isaac Watts (1707)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:32-42

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MAUNDY THURSDAY REFLECTION

“(Not) The Last Prayer”

Rev. John W. Johnson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

***HYMN OF PREPARATION — No. 207**

Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine

TENEBRAE

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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 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.**

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*Following the stripping of the church, worshipers are invited to continue their personal prayer,
leaving silently, being respectful of those remaining.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO BENEDICTION will be given tonight. When Easter comes and we celebrate the resurrection, the benediction will be proclaimed.

Carrie Tuttle, M. Div., Temporary Acting Head of Staff
John W. Johnson, M. Div., Parish Associate for Communications
J. Patrick Murphy, M. Mus., Organist-Choirmaster

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE – 7:00 p.m. – Sanctuary – Thursday, March 28

Thursday of this week is called “Maundy Thursday.” This term is derived from the Old French *maunde* and from the Latin *mandatum novum*, “a new commandment.” This new commandment of Christ was to love one another and was given on the night before his death (John 13:34). On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meals eaten in his name, institutes the mystery of his abiding redemptive presence in the church’s celebrations of the Lord’s Supper. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn and joyful celebration of the entire Christian Year.

Join us for this Holy Week communion service as we enter what Augustine referred to as “the triduum (three days) during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again.”

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE – Noon – Williams Chapel – Friday, March 29

This service commemorates the suffering and death of Christ. Dating from the 8th century, Tenebrae was originally celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows” and a Tenebrae Service is one in which light fades into darkness, as the sanctuary candles are extinguished with each of the scripture readings that tells the story of the betrayal and death of Jesus. This is symbolic of the physical darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified; symbolic of the fading spiritual light of the world as Christ, the Light, was leaving it; and symbolic of the fading of loyalty of the disciples and our own betrayal of Christ. With its movement from light to dark, the Tenebrae Service prepares us to receive the Light of Easter morning ~ to celebrate the joyous news of the resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY—MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

On this day celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we join with the community of believers in every time and place as the Gospel is proclaimed, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper is shared, and hymns and anthems are sung, accompanied by brass, timpani and organ.

EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERING THE CROSS: Bring fresh flowers to “flower the cross,” planted in the Davis Street lawn.

EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN: PreK to 5th grade age children are invited to come to Room 224 from 9:00-9:40 a.m. for a special Easter Sunday class. At 9:40 a.m., children and families will walk to the front lawn for Butterfly Release. After Story Telling (during the 10:00 a.m. worship), children will go on an Alleluia Egg Hunt to find the Alleluia they hid at the beginning of Lent. Parents/Grandparents are needed to help hide eggs prior to worship. Please let Charlotte Nance-Allbright know if you are able to help with these activities (callbright@fpcburlington.org).

EASTER SUNDAY ANNUAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE: The Children's Ministry Team will host the annual Butterfly Release on the front lawn at the flowering cross at 9:45 a.m. (weather permitting). All are invited to join us as we celebrate the resurrection through the symbolism of the butterfly.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) Special Offering of the PC(USA) will be received. The three programs supported by OGHS - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Thank you for giving to this Special Offering.



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