

Maundy Thursday

MARCH 28, 2024 + 12:10 P.M.



Prelude

- O Lamb of God Johann Sebastian Bach
Ah, Holy Jesus Sigfrid Karg-Elert
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Johannes Brahms

Greeting and Call to Worship

One: On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room,

All: showing us what it means to be in community.

One: On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,

All: showing us what it means to serve others.

One: On this day, Christ gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him,

All: showing us the depths of God's love for us.

One: In gratitude and reverence, let us worship God.

***Hymn 202** “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.
A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father’s house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken:
we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us.
We betray our neighbors, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal.
Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lead us once again to your table,
that in the upper room we might see your promise made manifest once more.
Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

One: *Friends, believe the good news:*
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Anthem :: “O Love Divine” Irish folk tune/arr. John Hudson

*O Love divine, amazing love, that brought to earth from heaven above the Son of God for us to die,
that we might dwell on high. He died for you, he died for me, and shed his blood to make us free.
Upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me. For us a crown of thorns he bore, for us a robe
of scorn he wore. He conquered death and rent the grave and lives again, our souls to save.
O wanderer, come, on him believe, his grace by faith receive. Awake, arise, and hear his call,
the feast is spread for all.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Homily Joseph L. Morrow

***Hymn 203** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *(Refrain)*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. *(Refrain)*

These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *(Refrain)*

Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others’ feet;
this is the way we should live like you. *(Refrain)*

Renewing the Commandment

You are invited to come forward to have your feet washed or, if you prefer, to have your hands washed. This is a gesture of humility and courage as we receive the hospitality and service of another. It is also a way to enter into Jesus’ commandment that we love one another as he has loved us.

Foot-washing stations are available in the center, and hand-washing stations are located on the left and right sides, near the baptismal font and pulpit.

Prayers of Intercession

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We will lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us give thanks to God.*

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

Prayer

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus The Hymnal, 565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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.

Leader: . . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 566

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (*repeat*)

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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.

The Communion

Row by row worshipers will be invited by the ushers to come forward to receive the Communion elements. Ushers will bring the elements to those for whom coming forward is difficult.

Communion Anthem :: “Ave Verum”. Stephanie Martin

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary; truly suffering, sacrificed on the cross for us all; from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be to us a foretaste at death’s trial, O sweet Jesus, O loving Jesus, O Jesus, Son of Mary.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, who in Jesus offered us this holy meal of bread and cup,
may we who have celebrated this sign of his great love
show in our lives the fruits of his redemption:
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn 215**. “What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking
down, when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside his
crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing,
I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free,
I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity,
I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and through eternity I’ll sing on.

*There is no benediction this day. Our watch continues into the night to the cross of Good Friday,
the limbo of Holy Saturday, and the miracle of the empty tomb. Please depart in silence.*

A NOTE ON HOLY WEEK AND ANTISEMITISM

The Passion texts can pose problems for Christian-Jewish relations. For centuries,
many Christians blamed “The Jews” for Christ’s death. This interpretation is incorrect,
misguided, and dangerous. In fact, crucifixion was solely a Roman form of punishment,
one used to frighten subjugated peoples into obeying Roman authority. Tragically,
Christians have misused the reading of the Passion to foment violent antisemitic pogroms.
Antisemitism still plagues the world. We read these texts with sensitivity and caution,
remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.

You are invited . . .

Holy Week 2024



We are glad to be worshiping with you today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

✳️ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ✳️ We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



Please let us know you are here by filling out an information pad in the pews or by using the QR codes in the Narthex as you leave the Sanctuary. **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ✳️ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary. ✳️ **Nursery care** is not available for this service. ✳️ During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts ✳️ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (fourthchurch.org/sermons) **by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.



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This evening we gather for a 6:30 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae** service with Communion. The service follows the ancient Office of Tenebrae (*from the Latin for “shadows”*) and portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus, beginning with his abandonment on Thursday and concluding with his crucifixion. The service ends with the Sanctuary in complete darkness. The Tenebrae service will be **livestreamed** on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



Tomorrow we will observe **Good Friday** with a Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a 5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families; and a 6:30 p.m. **Choral Service**, which will conclude with the tolling of the bells thirty-three times, one for each year of Jesus’ life on earth. The 6:30 p.m. choral service will be **livestreamed** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ On Saturday we will hold an **Easter Vigil** at 7:00 p.m. (*in person only*). Beginning with kindling a fire in the courtyard, we will move into the Sanctuary, where we will hear readings that cover the story of salvation, from creation through redemption, and join in sacred song.



We hope you will join us **Easter Sunday** for our joyous celebration of the resurrection! We gather for four services: **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** with Communion at Oak Street Beach; **9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **2:00 p.m. Easter “The Gathering: Communion at 2:00.”** (*Note that the second morning service in the Sanctuary begins a half hour later than usual to accommodate the number of worshippers*). The 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services will be **livestreamed** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), with the morning prelude beginning at approximately 9:15 a.m. and the service available for viewing anytime after that. **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen live via phone to the 9:30 service by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service.



Entrance for the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter services will be through the glass Loggia doors on next to the courtyard on Michigan Avenue. **Seating will begin a half hour prior** to each of those two services. ✨ An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:30 a.m. on Easter; **nursery care will be available** between 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. ✨ **For more about observing Holy Week and Easter** with Fourth Church, please see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter, where you can find links to our **Holy Week and Easter devotions** as well as our **Lenten and Holy Week “Rhythm and Word” videos**.

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Joseph L. Morrow

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

MAUNDY THURSDAY RECEIVES ITS NAME from the Latin *mandatum novum do vobis*, meaning “A new commandment I give you.” This new commandment, given by Jesus on the night he washed the disciples’ feet, was “to love one another just as I have loved you.” It is his example of—and our call to—love and service that we remember on Maundy Thursday.

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING throughout Holy Week. Gifts to this offering support Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Tutoring; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make a One Great Hour of Sharing gift, you can use an envelope from the pew racks, placing it in an offering box at the Sanctuary exit, or designate “OGHS” when giving at fourthchurch.org/give or via Venmo.

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