



Maundy Thursday receives its name from the Latin *mandatum novum do vobis*, “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.

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together. African American spiritual; arr. Phillip Keveren

Call to Worship

*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*)

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,
and still you love us—you have loved us to the end.
We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another.
We have betrayed you.
And we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.
Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.
Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another
by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie (*unison*) Tune: Land of Rest

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Shadow of Temptation Matthew 26:1–16

The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:17–29

Solo :: “My Song Is Love Unknown” Jonathan Rathbone

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Solo :: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” Eric Thiman

Psalm 23 (*recited in unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Shadow of Weakness	Matthew 26:30–46
The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:47–56
Solo :: “Calvary”	African American spiritual
The Shadow of Humiliation	Matthew 26:57–68
The Shadow of Denial	Matthew 26:69–75
The Shadow of Judgment	Matthew 27:1–32
The Shadow of the Cross	Matthew 27:33–54
Solo :: “Were You There”	African American spiritual

A NOTE ON HOLY WEEK AND ANTI-SEMITISM

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 anti-Semitic pogroms. Anti-Semitism still plagues the world. We read these texts with sensitivity and caution, remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.



Our Holy Week services are being streamed at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where we will gather online on April 10 for **Good Friday Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ** at 12:10 p.m. and on April 11 for **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil with Communion** at 8:00 p.m. For details—including information on preparing for home communion and gathering other items for the vigil—see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter. Then on April 12 we will gather online for **Easter Sunday worship** at 11:00 a.m.

The video of our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available at www.bit.ly/FPCworship throughout the week. We also make that service and sermon available via **podcast: www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast** and invite you to sign up to receive our sermons **by email: www.bit.ly/fpcsermons**

On Wednesday mornings we gather online at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. If you would like to join staff in this time of praying for Fourth Church members and those in need, please email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the Zoom information.

If you are looking for a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**, we invite you to use our daily devotions. You can receive the devotions in your inbox (sign up at **www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions**) or read them online (**www.fourthchurch.org/devotions**), via Facebook (**www.facebook.com/fourthchurch**), or on Twitter (**www.twitter.com/fourthchicago**).

As part of our commitment to caring for the most vulnerable, Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing “to go” packaged meals for Sunday Night Supper and “to go” bag lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. These are being served outside in the Cloister, so as to limit lines and in-person gatherings. ✨ The Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** is providing essential services on Tuesdays (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) and Wednesdays through Fridays (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) by offering “curbside” pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. See www.fourthchurch.org for ways you can **order and ship items needed for these ministries**.

Our commitment to caring for those in need and remaining connected while apart depends on all of us. How can you help? **If you are available to reach out via phone or email** to those in our community who might be feeling isolated or lonely, please let our Pastoral Care Office know by contacting Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org). ✨ If you are able to help our Benevolent Guild **sew face masks** for health professionals and others providing essential services, please contact Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

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As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, **we very much we want to hear from you!** Our pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and other volunteers are available to connect with you by phone and email. Please let us know by contacting our Pastoral Care Office (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*)—

- ▶ **if you are—or someone you know is—feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick**
- ▶ **if you are a medical professional or are a provider of essential services**, as we want to care for you as well in what we know are difficult days for you and your colleagues
- ▶ **if you have a prayer request**; Dave Handley (*dhandley@fourthchurch.org*), our Interim Minister for Pastoral Care, is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries
- ▶ **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570) and your request will be forwarded to someone on the pastoral staff. If you would like to be **in phone contact with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Dave Handley (*dhandley@fourthchurch.org*).
- ▶ **If you would like to explore options for tele-therapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the Center invites you to call them at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

In this time while we are not in the same place, we continue to explore new opportunities for all of us to be community and church. ✱ Holy Week and Easter **Sunday School lessons and crafts** to do at home are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcsundayschool. ✱ Information about **online youth group** and **recently-home-from-college gatherings** is listed at fourthchurch.org/youth. ✱ Details about connecting with various online **TwentiesThirties** opportunities are available from Joe Morrow (*jmorrows@fourthchurch.org*). ✱ Instructors in our **Center for Life and Learning** program for adults sixty and over are emailing assignments and leading some classes via Zoom. For details, email Susan Quaintance (*squaintance@fourthchurch.org*). ✱ **Chicago Lights Tutoring** staff are facilitating virtual relationships between mentors and students, supplying educational and engagement tools, and creating content for e-learning. ✱ Opportunities to join in a virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. online at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch) for news, updates, and glimpses of our life together while apart.

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Worship Leaders

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Worship Notes

YOUR GIFTS TO FOURTH CHURCH MATTER NOW MORE THAN EVER! When we do not pass a plate, it is easy for our offering to decrease. But our expenses continue as we remain committed to feeding our hungry neighbors and to paying our staff. Your generosity in this time makes a big difference! You can **give online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the **"To Make a Gift"** button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org); **via Venmo** (@Fourth-Church); or via a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church and mailed to 126 E. Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60611.2014.

THROUGHOUT LENT WE ALSO RECEIVE GIFTS FOR THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering. This annual offering supports Fourth Church Meals and Shower Ministries, Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Tutoring, as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. Gifts to this offering can be designated online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online

TO NOTIFY PASTORAL STAFF of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization, or deaths or to request prayer, contact David Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3360). (Please note: hospitals do not inform churches when a member is admitted.) Those experiencing difficult times are invited to consider meeting with a Stephen Minister: leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.