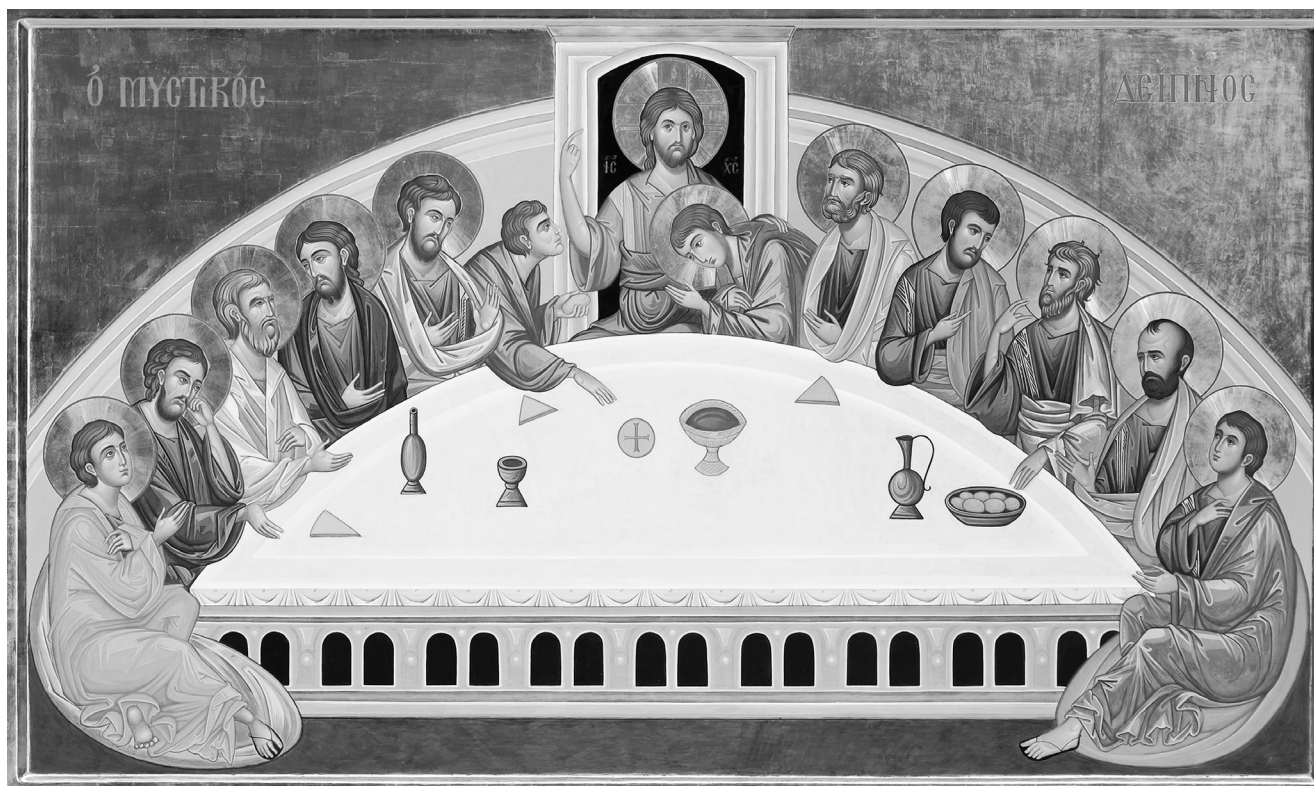


Fourth Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 • 12:10 p.m.



Prelude

Meditation on “Pange Lingua”. David H. Williams

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare. Aaron David Miller

St. John’s Suite. Dan Locklair

3. “...the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.”

Greeting and Opening Prayer

***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.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God of the Table, you break bread with we who bear your precious image.
You share the cup with we who would deny and betray you.
Though we greatly desire your love, we struggle to bear its fruit.
Forgive our callousness at the hurt of this world and our numbness to injustice.
Forgive us for withholding all our gifts even as you offer us your very life and heart.
Reconcile us to yourself and one another
so that we may drink deeply once again from your well of grace.
And let shame, fear, and doubt release their hold on us
as we seek to walk your paths of righteousness. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Anthem :: “Lamb of God Most Holy” Robert Pearsall

*Lamb of God most holy, who upon the cross did suffer, patient, still, and lowly, thyself to scorn did
offer. Our sins were taken for us, else despair reigned over us. Have mercy, O Jesu!*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Homily Matt Helms

***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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We will lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

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:

SanctusThe Hymnal, 552

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.

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

Memorial Acclamation *(sung)*.The Hymnal, 553

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

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. For those unable to come forward, ushers will bring the elements to them.

Communion Anthem :: "Ave Verum". Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary, having suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for all mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed. Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the trial of death.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of love, truly we see your glory in Jesus,
who offered himself in humble service to his disciples even on the night he was betrayed.
We join the disciples in humble gratitude for these gifts of bread and cup,
trusting they will strengthen us in love and inspire us to serve you and your people.
We pray this in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***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.

*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.



We are glad to be worshipping 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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be **a mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.**

✳ In the Sanctuary, **the front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing**, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. *(Please note there will not be a socially distanced section on Easter Sunday.)*



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. ✳ To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✳ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org



For ways to **connect with one another and Fourth Church**, whether in person or online, as well as for various resources, please visit our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org). ✳ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

This evening we will gather for a 7:30 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae** service with Communion.

This evening service follows the ancient Office of Tenebrae (*from the Latin for “shadows”*). The service 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 7:30 p.m. 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 7:30 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 7:30 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 on **Easter Sunday** for our joyous celebration of the resurrection! We will gather for four services: **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** with Communion at Oak Street Beach; **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four** with Communion in Buchanan Chapel. **The 9:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), with the prelude beginning at approximately 8:45 a.m. and the service available for viewing anytime after that. **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service.



Entrance for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services will be only through the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. **Seating will begin a half hour prior** to each of those two services. ✱ There will be **no socially distanced seating at any of the Easter services**. We invite those who prefer to practice social distancing to join us in worship outdoors for the sunrise service or online for the 9:00 a.m. service. ✱ An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:00 a.m. on Easter; **nursery care will be available** between 8:30 a.m. and 12:15 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

Joseph L. Morrow, Matt Helms

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 the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes found in the pew racks, designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS) when giving via Venmo or at fourthchurch.org/give, or write OGHS on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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