

Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
The Order of Worship

March 24, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Gathering of God's People

Prayer & Meditation

Prelude

Call To Worship

God has been so good to us; what can we give in return?

We can lift up the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.

The Lord has loosed our bonds; how can we express our thanks?

We can offer a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the Name of the Lord.

As God's people, we will offer our praise!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess we have failed to remember the cost of Your sacrifice and the depth of Your grace. We have used the cross as a trinket, forgetting the agony it represents. We have taken our worship together for granted, forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom. We have become calloused to human cruelty, forgetting that every victim is a creature of God. We have acted nonchalantly toward injustice, forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross. We have come to think of sacrifice as obsolete, forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness. Forgive us, O Lord, for forgetting the cost of Your sacrifice and treating Your grace as cheap...(time for silent confession)... Receive our prayers offered in all humility, as we remember and honor Christ our Lord Who prays for us still. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

(Welcome each other in the Spirit of Christ, and share with them His peace.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Exodus 12:1-5, 11-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Gospel Lesson: *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

Anthem

And No Bird Sang

Douglas Wagner

Communion Meditation

Practicing Hospitality

*The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 311

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Call to Prayer

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . we offer this sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon Your Holy 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.

. . . according to his commandment:

We remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory. . .

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Prayer After Communion

God of Grace, Your son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine that we might abide in him and he in us. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of Your kingdom, and our love be Your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

SERVICE FOR REMEMBERING THE LAST SUPPER

For Christians, Maundy Thursday is a day of reassurance which culminates in the remembrance of Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his crucifixion. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the scriptures include the words of institution of The Lord's Supper. The Gospel of John, however, has the service of foot-washing instead of the words of institution. It is from the Gospel of John that we derive the name for this day of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday. The word "Maundy" means "commandment" and refers to Jesus' words in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

GOOD FRIDAY Schedule

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Shadows, The Presbyterian Church
Tenebrae is a dramatic reading of the Passion of Christ with hymns and anthems recounting Jesus' sacrificial death.

EASTER DAY Schedule

7:00 a.m. Easter Dawn Service at Fredericksburg United Methodist
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:45 a.m. Church School

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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*

Rachel K. Erb, *Youth Director*

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