



**April 9, 2020**  
**Maundy Thursday**

*What is Maundy Thursday? (taken from the PCUSA Website)*  
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/maundy-thursday/>

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

Holy Week Moments – Maundy Thursday

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afZkRKZhBAY>

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Beloved people of God:

This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the growing darkness we gather.

Our Lenten journey has brought us here.

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us

a towel,

a bowl,

bread,

a cup.

He gives us an example and a commandment ever new: to love one another as he has loved us. This is how everyone will know we are his disciples, when we love each other.

**OPENING HYMN**      An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzIreqrzB\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzIreqrzB_s)

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**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.**

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.  
Ps. 103:17**

### **AN ACT OF PRAISE**      *Gloria*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,  
Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Gracious God feed us with your holy Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **PSALTER**

Psalm 116

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pOsfDx1QdA4&feature=youtu.be>

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14

**The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that**

**on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.**

**This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.**

**NEW TESTAMENT**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in**

remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**GOSPEL READING**     John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been

**glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’**

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Lynn Santulli*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdUsPohAsWA>

## **SERMON HYMN      Go to Dark Gethsemane**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1jpg1Ioei4> (hymn words)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD6tcMroY0A> (sung)

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **Health Issues:**

Brian; Anthony; The Beaucasan Family; Leon Edwards; Cynthia; Elaine Duesbury; Frank; Drew Moore; Candyce Norris; Glenna Stevens; Terry; Janie Whiteford; Henry Ward, Jr.; Jay and daughter; Chrissie and her son Jake; Bob Newell; Kassi and Family; Juliet Fydrich; Neen Davis; Michael R.; Karen West; Lindsey Loftons and Brenda Hopper; Kathy Fyffe (moved to hospice); Thomas West Jr.; Marlotte Toy Williams; Ben (Covid19)

### **Homebound:**

Sonnia Cook; George Germinder.

### **World Issues:**

Southern Cameroon (Ambazonia)

For those who are sick and suffering; those who are grieving the loss of loved ones; medical personnel and others who work to help and heal; those who are subjected to racist abuse and discrimination; those whose livelihood is threatened by business closures; families learning to live, work, and learn together in close quarters; those who are not safe in their homes; those who are struggling with isolation, loneliness, or addiction; those separated from loved ones because of travel and immigration restrictions; churches seeking to discern new and faithful forms of ministry and wisdom for leaders as they seek to respond to this crisis.

### **MUSIC**

**Even Unto Death - Audrey Assad**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uAfp8vg4Jz8> (contemporary)

### **THE 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 power and the glory forever. Amen.**





**There is no Communion this evening, although this was the night our Lord gave the gift of Communion and sacred community to His disciples in a new way. A new commandment He gave them and us, a commandment of love. As we fast from this holy meal because of this liminal time, we are confident that we will gather once again as the body of Christ and partake of this sacrament, rejoicing in His love and power to overcome all.**





## FOOT WASHING

*At home get a basin of water and a towel and take turns washing each other's feet, or sit with your feet in water (or imagine doing so) and be in prayer for a time, praying the following:*

Loving God, as Jesus took a basin and poured the water long ago, we bring these basins of water before you. Bless this water for washing, and bless the feet of your servants, too. Wash away the stains and strains of this life, we pray, that we may walk anew in the ways of Christ. Wash away our fears, our weariness, our frustrations, and misunderstandings that we might emerge the disciples you call us to be. In true humility, we bend our lives in service to you. Help us all, by your example, to understand more how we are meant to serve rather than be served, for love's sake. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## HYMN

### **The Servant Song**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdmgpMfnjdU>

## **REMEMBERING THE STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL**

### ***Psalm 22***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQ5twGi8J2U>

*We conclude our serve this evening with Psalm 22. Normally we would have invited people to come forward to strip the*

*Chancel, reminding us of the sacrifice of Christ. In this season we invite you to reflect upon Christ's sacrifice of love and how the world would be very different if He did come into our world to redeem it and grant us the gift of salvation.*

*Without Christ there is no hope.*

*Without Christ there is no light.*

*Without Christ there is no love that is divine.*

*Without Christ there is no joy.*

*Christ is the rock upon which our faith rests, the One True Light, the One True God, the Lamb of God who alone is righteous and accomplished what only God could have accomplished—salvation.*

**SILENCE**



**An Original Poem by Elder Janice Haer**

**I Don't Understand**

Jesus,  
You rode into Jerusalem  
on the back of a donkey.  
I don't understand.  
You were supposed to be  
King of Kings.  
Kings don't ride on donkeys.

Jesus,  
Your road into Jerusalem was  
strewn with cloaks and palms.  
I don't understand.

Royal roads  
aren't strewn with  
cloaks and palm branches.

Jesus,  
The children shouted Hosanna.  
Save us. Save us.  
I don't understand.  
Why did they shout that.  
You didn't save us from the Roman rulers  
like we thought you would.

Jesus,  
How could shouts of Hosanna  
turn to "Crucify!" "Crucify!"  
I don't understand  
how Hosannas changed to Crucify him  
from the beginning of the week.....  
to the end of the week.

Jesus,  
You were crowned  
with a crown of thorns.  
I don't understand.  
Real kings wear  
crowns of jewels,  
not crowns of thorns.

Jesus,  
You hung on a cross.  
I don't understand.  
The inscription on your cross said  
King of the Jews.  
Real kings don't get crucified.

Jesus,  
You just weren't what we expected... or wanted.  
I don't understand.  
We thought you were  
going to be different.  
Why didn't you listen to us.  
Why didn't you listen to us?  
  
I just don't understand.  
I just. don't. understand.

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