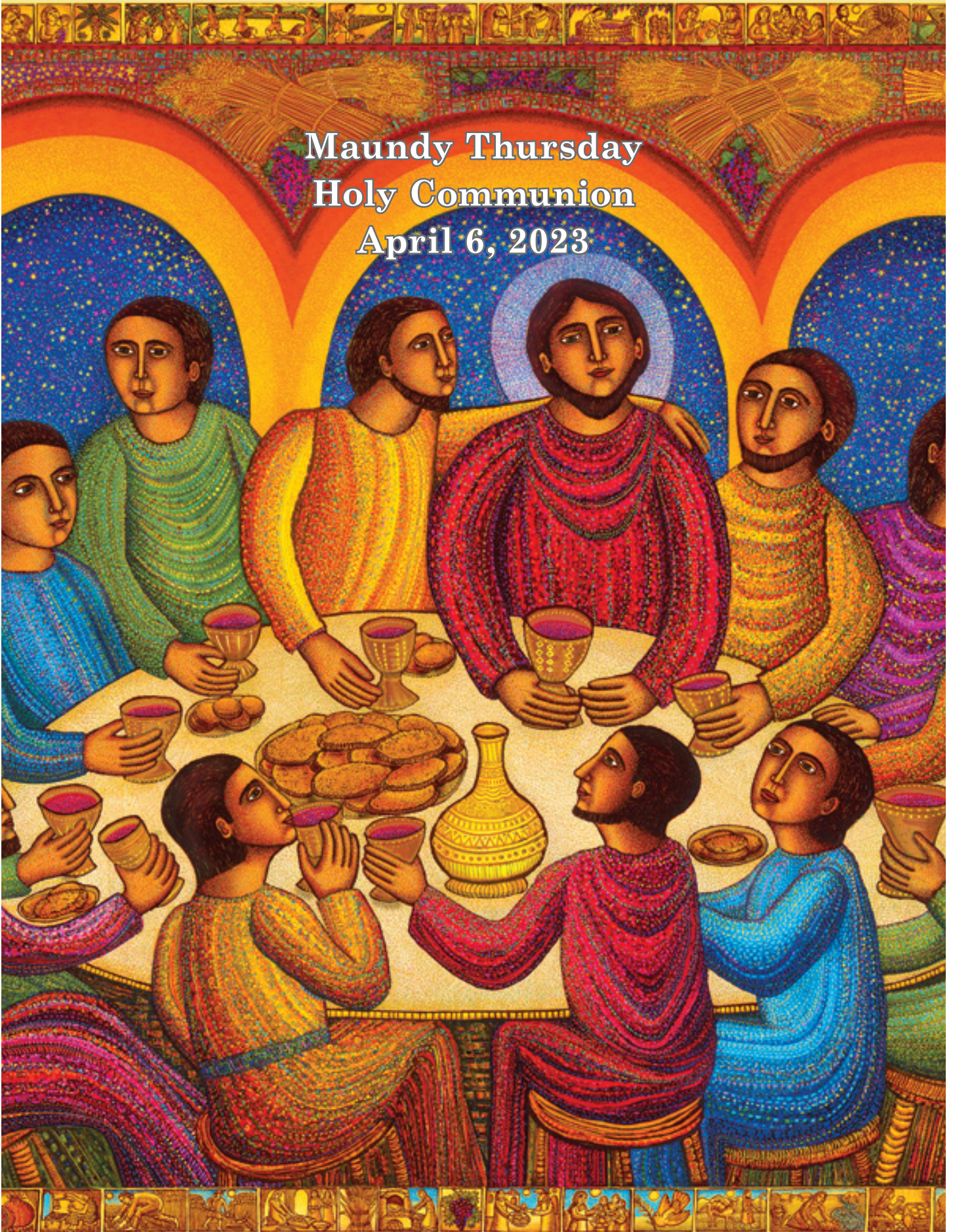


Maundy Thursday
Holy Communion
April 6, 2023



GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Recitativo Adagio from Concerto in C Major, BWV 594

Largo e spiccato from Concerto in D Minor, BWV 596

J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace and peace to you
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God!

(Those who are able may stand.)

**On this day Christ, the Lamb of God,
gave himself into the hands of those
who would slay him.**

**On this day Christ gathered with his disciples
in the upper room.**

**On this day Christ took a towel
and washed his disciples' feet,
giving us an example
that we should do to others
as he had done for us.**

**On this day Christ, our God,
gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup
may here proclaim his holy sacrifice
and be partakers of his resurrection,
and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,**

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to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment on our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

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

**Eternal God,
whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we will not bind ourselves to you.
In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love
and withhold ourselves from others.
We do not love you fully
or love one another as you command.
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ,
who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.**

(Silent confession)

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10

Renew a right spirit within me.
Renew a right spirit within me.

About Hymn 215

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that he only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."
TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811;
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

**May the God of mercy,
who forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
keep us in eternal life.**

***The Peace**

Since God in Christ has forgiven us,
let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words,
"The peace of Christ be with you.")*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

(New Testament, page 173 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 116

In the Land of the Living

Phillip W.J. Stopford

I love the Lord, for he has heard
the voice of my supplication,
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me,
by grief and sorrow was I held.

I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul!"

*About In the Land of
the Living*

This powerful and stirring setting of Psalm 116 by British church musician and composer, Phillip Stopford, features soaring vocal lines and a reflective accompaniment. Stopford (b. 1977) continues to compose prolifically for choirs and his anthems have become some of the most popular written for sacred worship and concert today.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has been gracious to you.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.
For you have delivered my soul from death,
delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling;
in the land of the living.

John 13:1-7, 31b-35

(New Testament, pages 107 and 108 your pew Bible)

MEDITATION

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler

(A moment of silence)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that at the Lord's Supper
the community of believers is renewed
by the memory of Christ's life and death,
by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and by the promise of his coming again.
Christ makes himself known to us
in the breaking of bread.**

**He offers us his body broken for our sake,
and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.
We accept his promises and gifts,
and depend on his life to sustain ours.**

**In turn, we offer ourselves
in thanksgiving to the risen Lord,
who has conquered death.
So we celebrate his victory here and now,
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.
Reunited around one loaf and cup,
we receive strength and courage to continue
our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

(From A Declaration of Faith)

THE EUCHARIST

*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*INVITATION

*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

It is truly our greatest joy...
calling us again to turn to your ways.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the celestial choirs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

(The congregation may be seated.)

You are holy, O God of majesty...
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ wil come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...
we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Prayed in unison)*

(Please see page 35 of your hymnal for the words to this prayer.)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The people will move to the Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

Music during Communion

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Victor Johnson

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity and
love, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

The love of Christ has
gathered us together.

*Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
And from a sincere heart let us
love one another.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where there is charity and
love, God is there.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN 202** An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O WALY WALY

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

(The final act of this service is the stripping of the Chancel. The stark, unadorned church reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in the Garden of Gethsemane. As we depart the Sanctuary this evening in silence, we move from the celebration of the Lord's Supper to the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Symbolically, Jesus Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.)

CHARGE

Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another."

Go in peace.

(Please depart the Sanctuary in silence.)

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

Ubi caritas is a hymn of the Western Church, long used as one of the responses for the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. Its text is attributed to Paulinus of Aquileia in 796. The Gregorian chant melody long-associated with it probably also stems from the late 8th century. Contemporary composer and music educator, Victor Johnson (b. 1978), composed this new, original musical setting for the text.

About Hymn 202

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-29 / Mark 14:22-25 / Luke 22:14-20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3-17). Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1973; MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988.

OUR MISSION

*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light
found in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

TONIGHT@ WESTMINSTER

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Director of Music Ministries

Dale Nickell
*Organist and Associate Director of
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About Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, Latin for commandment) proclaims Jesus’ new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. It celebrates Christ’s example of humble service and self-offering, represented by the washing of feet and the sharing of communion. The liturgy begins with an emphasis on confession and forgiveness, concluding the penitential season of Lent. It ends with the stripping of the church in preparation for worship on Good Friday.



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What Wondrous Love Is This 215

Dm C Dm C Dm Am

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Dm C Dm C

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

Dm Am B^b Gm Am Em

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

G Dm C Am C Dm Am

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Em Am C Dm Am C Dm

soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.