

ORDER OF WORSHIP
for
Maundy Thursday



April 14, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

**Bethany Presbyterian Church
The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn
Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow**

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“Maundy” is the English form of the Latin word meaning “commandment.” Jesus’ new commandment, to “love one another even as I have loved you,” is the focus of Maundy Thursday.

THE GATHERING

GREETING

Come to the Upper Room,

Where Jesus shared his body and his blood.

Come to Gethsemane,

Where he prayed and was betrayed.

Come to the courts of justice,

Where the Righteous One was found guilty.

Come to the hill outside Jerusalem,

Where the Innocent suffered and died.

Come, let us bow down in awe,

For what happened there was done for us.

A PRAYER OF INVOCATION

We have gathered, O God, in answer to Your command that we love one another as You have loved us in Jesus of Nazareth. We gather as disciples awaiting a word of assurance and promise. We seek protection from all who insist on conformity to their points of view. We seek empowerment at the Table of Remembrance and Celebration. We long to love as we have been loved, to serve as Christ has served among us, and to live lives of thanksgiving that fulfill our vows to You and to one another. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE BOOK OF PSALMS
THE EPISTLE
THE GOSPEL

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-16
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

THE LITURGY OF HANDWASHING

Then Jesus 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 will have no share with me.”

PRAYER (from Ambrose, *Of the Holy Spirit*)

Come then, Lord Jesus. Pour water into the basin. Wash not only our feet, but also the head. Wash not only the body, but also the footsteps of the soul. Wash the steps of my mind that I may not sin again. Wash the heel of my soul, that I may be able to efface the curse, that I feel not the serpent's bite on the foot of my soul, but as You Yourself has bidden those who follow You, may tread on serpents and scorpions with uninjured foot. Amen.

(When you entered the Sanctuary, you were given a plastic bag with a damp cloth inside. Please wash your own hands, or, if you feel comfortable doing so, wash the hands of the person next to you)

After Jesus 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 should also 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.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank You, Lord, that You have allowed us to approach this closely to the burning bush, to sit again with the Master as He gave this example to His Disciples. Help us to remember that the way to lead is to serve, the way to atone is on bended knee, the way to praise is by following Your holy example. These things we pray in the name of the Servant King. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF COMMUNION

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting Your sacrifice and for thinking that Your grace is cheap. Forgive us for using the Cross as a trinket, forgetting the agony it represents. Forgive us for taking our worship for granted, forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom. Forgive us for being calloused to human cruelty, forgetting that every victim is a creature of God. Forgive us for being nonchalant about injustice, forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross. Forgive us for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete, forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness. Receive our prayers offered in all humility, as we remember and honor Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray by saying, "Our Father ..."

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Introduction

The Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God our Help, we thank You for this supper shared in the Spirit with Your Son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us Life Eternal. We praise You for giving us all good gifts in Him, and pledge ourselves to serve You, even as in Christ You have served us. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE TENEBRAE

PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of Judgment and Mercy, whose ways are not our ways, we seek Your protection and ask for courage, that we may dare to stand against principalities and powers that deny the humanity of our sisters and brothers, to the end that all people may live in a loving environment in which needs are met and all of us reach out in caring ways to one another. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

READING AND EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

The Shadow of Betrayal:	Matthew 26:20-25
The Shadow of Inner Agony:	Luke 22:39-44
The Shadow of Loneliness:	Matthew 26:40-45
The Shadow of Desertion:	Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56
The Shadow of Accusation:	Matthew 26:59-67
The Shadow of Mockery:	Mark 15:12-20
The Shadow of Death:	Luke 23:33-46
A Final Reading:	John 1:1-4

SILENT MEDITATION

LEAVETAKING MUSIC

Were You There?

PARTICIPANTS IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

The Rev. Wade Pond
Pastor, Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow
The Rev. Dr. James Rea
Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef
Pastor, The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn

~and~

Members of all three congregations