

THE GATHERING

This reflective service for Maundy Thursday includes prayers and meditations and leads into Holy Communion. The liturgy focuses on the Last Supper, as told in John 13. Seven candles are lit during the service in response to seven actions, which are noted during the narrative. The lit candles offer a reminder of the presence of light even in the darkness of the eve of Good Friday. This liturgy is taken from the Iona Community: *Wild Goose Big Book of Liturgies, Volume 2.*

MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Mr. Neves

Choral Dorian

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us pray together:

God of light and truth, grant us peace as we gather tonight. May we draw closer to you as we recall again the service and suffering of Christ, in whose name we meet and pray. Amen.

✦ HYMN 206

This Is the Night

My Neighbor

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace and truth, as we move from the brightness of the day's light to the enfolding darkness of the night-time, help us to know your light in our hearts, that in our need for forgiveness and strength, your gracious word may be known.

And then help us to go from this place renewed in spirit. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ *please stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Christ, in the evening of this day, forgive us for our lack of attention to you, our absence of word and action in following you, and our denial of your place within our lives...

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Help us to know your Spirit with us, your gracious forgiveness, and your strength in our hearts, that we may more closely follow you. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*) J. Christopher Pardini, 2005; adapt.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

– 5th/6th century Greek; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL READING AND CANDLE-LIGHTING

Pages 107-108 in the New Testament

ACTION 1

Washing, John 13:1-5

Chrissy Connor

Prayer after the reading:

... Lord, hear us.

Lord, fill us with your truth.

The first candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...

ACTION 2

Cleansing, John 13:6-11

Kate Stevens

Prayer after the reading:

... Lord, hear us.

Lord, cleanse us through your grace.

The second candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...

✦ HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

ACTION 3

Serving, John 13:12-17

Adrienne Rogers

Prayer after the reading:
... Lord, hear us.

Lord, fill us with your humble love.

The third candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...

ACTION 4

Betraying, John 13:18-30

Charles Park

Prayer after the reading:
... Lord, hear us.

Lord, fill us with your strength.

The fourth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...

✦ HYMN 208

O Blest Are They Who in Their Love

Guilbsborough

ACTION 5

Leaving, John 13:31-33

Anne Halloin

Prayer after the reading:
... Lord, hear us.

Lord, fill us with your hope.

The fifth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...

ACTION 6

Loving, John 13:34-35

Rev. Love

Prayer after the reading:
... Lord, hear us.

Lord, fill us with your compassionate love.

The sixth candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.

*God is where there is charity and love.
Christ's love has gathered us as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us honor and love the living God.
And with sincere hearts let us love each other.
Amen.*

- based on John 13:35 and I Corinthians 13:13

ACTION 7

Denying, John 13:36-38

Rev. Pattison

p. 108 in the New Testament

Prayer after the reading:

... Lord, hear us.

Lord, fill us with your courage, your love and your humility.

**Help us in the night-time shadows of fear to know the
continuing light of your presence, that we may be seen and
heard as your people. Amen.**

The seventh candle is lit, followed by pause for reflection...

HOMILY

“Later You Will Understand”

Rev. Pattison

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Romans 8*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

✦ HYMN 294

Within Our Darkest Night

Dans nos obscurités

We will sing this chant, from the Taizé Community, three times.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

The Invited

Hubert Bird (1939-2018)

O thou who clotheth the lilies and feedeth the birds of the sky,
who leadest the lambs to the pasture and the hart to the waterside,
who multiplied the loaves and fishes and converted the water to wine,

O do thou, come to our table as Guest, and Giver, to dine.

- anonymous

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May you know that the Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: May you open your heart to God this night.

People: May you know God's love within you.

Pastor: Even in the foreboding presence of darkness,

People: May God's light shine forth.

In the beginning, before betrayal and denial, O God, creator of all that is seen and not seen, you blessed us with the gift of this universe and this world in which we live. A place of beauty and challenge, a place of endless sky and minute form, a place of similarity and difference. Present from the beginning was the Word, bringing forth your grace through the waters of sea and sky, river and stream, and through all living things.

You formed us in your image, but rather than praising your name for all that was and is, again and again we turned away from you, preferring our own gods and our own ways.

In patience and love, you gave to us those who called us back to your paths, but we chose different roads. In a moment of time, you gave the word present before time, to become flesh and make his home amongst us. He taught of wholeness and celebration; he healed those who came to him; he sought those who had wandered from your way. But still your grace-filled word was denied.

On this night we recall that after supper Jesus Christ, the word of love and goodness among us, was arrested and tried, and that on the day that followed he was crucified. In remembrance of all that has been done for us, through the word of creation, the word of prophecy, and the word of all-giving grace, we join with voices around us and beyond us in the song of everlasting praise:

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.

On this night Christ our Lord gathered with his friends. He washed their feet, offered cleansing for their hearts, and taught them to love as he loved and would love. Here in this moment of time and in this place, Christ is present with us as we share bread and cup. Therefore, O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that they may be the body and blood of Christ for us, that we may be his body in this world.

Amen.

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 the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

Christ invites us to share in bread and cup.

Christ invites us to share in service and humility.

Christ invites us to share in strength and renewal.

We gather in faith.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward to receive communion by intinction.

Wine is in the ceramic cups and grape juice is in the silver chalices.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the lectern.

MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Verset-Choral

Jehan Alain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that even in the darkness of this night, your light shines. We rejoice that we have shared with Christ around his table, and we pray for his strength as we continue to be his body in this world. Amen.

✦ **HYMN 676** (stanzas 1 and 2)

Day Is Done

Ar hyd y nos

CLOSING WORDS

Mark 14:32-34

There is no final blessing tonight, as the events continue into tomorrow and then to Easter morning resurrection. The candles remain lit as a sign of hope, while other lights are turned off during the stripping of the table, and we depart quietly into the night.

STRIPPING OF THE TABLE

Please depart in silence.

Worship resumes tomorrow – Good Friday – at 12:00 noon.

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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Good Friday Service, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary and Online

Music for Solo Voice and Violin

Family Service, 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Westminster Room

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., Rye Town Beach Pavilion

Family Service and Flowering of the Cross, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Online

Music for Brass Quartet

Worship with Communion, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Online

Music for Choir and Brass Quartet

*During 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship, childcare will be available
for children aged 3 months old through 4 years old.*

Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing.



CHURCH & JUSTICE SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Guest Preacher: Deborah Pretlow, MPS



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