



MAUNDY THURSDAY

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday Service

April 2, 2026

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship *Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right*

God Calls Us

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 59.16-17

LEADER: I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.

PEOPLE: For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

LEADER: O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,

PEOPLE: For you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.

*Hymn of Reflection

Abide With Me
Music page 6

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*Prayer of Adoration by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 53.6

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have
turned - every one - to his own way;
PEOPLE: **And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity
of us all.**

Private Confession of Sin

*Sung Corporate Confession of Sin

Agnus Dei
Music page 7

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. (*Repeat*)
Grant us peace. (*Women, Men echo*) Amen.

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveals this to us and points our hearts towards confession.

**Corporate
Confession
of Sin**

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. We confess in prayer both corporately and privately as people equally in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4.14-16

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Choral Hymn

Kyrie Eleison, By Michael Ware
Sanctuary Choir

*Kyrie, Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison.
Have mercy, Lord.
Lord God, have mercy.
Christ have mercy on us.*

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

John 13.1-7, Luke 22.14-20

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Homily

by Pastor David Stephenson

*Hymn of Response

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Music page 8

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

The Lord's Table

*Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith
together using statements
believed by Christians
over the ages, we join
in the sweep of Christian
history even as we await
the return of Jesus.

† "catholic" -- universal

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Gluten free bread is available next to the tray.

Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the table, bread, and wine, but lift our hearts to Jesus in the glory of His Father.

Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Institution and Prayer

Distribution Music

My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Hymnal No.79)

O Sacred Head Now Wounded (Hymnal No. 247)

What Wondrous Love Is This (Hymnal No.261)

God Commissions Us

Silent Meditation

Dismissal

Abide with Me

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark-ness
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the

deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when oth - er help - ers fail, and
 dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -
 • grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and
 weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
 gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain

com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 • stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Henry F. Lyte, 1847

EVENTIDE (MONK) 10.10.10.10.
 William H. Monk. 1861

Agnus Dei

Text ca. 7th Century

Music by John Wykoff



O Lamb of God who tak - est a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

(Women) (Men)



Grant us peace, grant us peace,

(Women) (Men)



grant us peace, grant us peace,

(Both)



grant us peace. A - men.

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;

who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:

praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
 hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;

gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

Latin hymn, 6th cent.
 Tr. by Robert Campbell, 1849; alt.

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR 7.7.7.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1859

Musicians

Director - Todd Gaither
Piano - Alayne Griffin
Organ - Evangeline Wykoff
Violin 1 - Rebecca James
Violin 2 - Steven James
Viola - Casie Runkle
Cello - David Fray

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