



WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY • APRIL 2, 2026
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

God of the covenant, as we celebrate the beginning of the paschal feast, we come to the table of the Lord in whom we have salvation, life, and resurrection. Renew the power of this mystery in our service to one another and to you, so that with Christ we may pass from this life to the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

arr. Sorge

THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, this shall be a day of remembrance for you.

All: We will celebrate it as a festival to the Lord throughout all generations.

Leader: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.

All: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.

1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
 5 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 the bread and wine re - move, but you are here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

These stanzas are selected from a ten-stanza hymn written in 1855 to serve as a monthly post-communion reflection for the members of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. They are set to a tune named for both a coastal town and a large bay in northwest England.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Jesus said, One who had bathed does not need to wash. In our baptism we have been bathed by the grace of God. Trusting in the steadfast love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

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.

A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

***KYRIE (responsive)**

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ANTHEM

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

arr. Hal Hopson

Layton Miller, Cello

O Master, let me walk with thee

In lowly paths of service free;

Tell me thy secret; help me bear

The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move

By some clear, winning word of love;

Teach me the wayward feet to stay,

And guide them in the homeward way.

Anthem continues on next page.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way,
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

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.

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

This is the Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 116 • HYMN 799

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

I LOVE THE LORD

SECOND LESSON: *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

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SERMON

A Meal Transformed

Pastor Pam Hrcir



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i -
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm



le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their
 room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you
 gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
 name to share bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that

(G) (D) (A)
 B^b F C



food for - ev - er - more.
 came as Light from Light. By your bod - y bro - ken
 with you; do not fear!"
 tell your love and care.

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm B^b C F



for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -

(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm B^b F



gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first two stanzas of this text deal with events in the past (the feeding of the multitude and the Last Supper) and the final two with events in the present. The recurring last four lines of each stanza serve as an affirmation of Christ's continuing presence at all times.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church welcomes all who believe in Jesus Christ to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us today. We receive the elements by means of intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. For those who desire an individual serving, regular or gluten free, they will be on a table in front of the baptismal font and on the small tables located in the balcony. If you are seated on the main floor of the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward to the chancel area by way of the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle. If you are sitting in the balcony, an usher will guide you to the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward easily, please signal to one of the ushers or elders so the communion elements can be brought to your seat.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

This story of how Jesus Christ took bread and cup, and blessed them and shared them, sharing his very self with us, has been passed down from generation to generation. This invitation, to eat and drink and proclaim, is extended through the ages from Jesus Christ himself, who offers us grace and forgiveness, no matter what betrayals we bring to the table. Come. Jesus invites you to this sacred meal.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Eternal God...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Let Us Break Bread Together
Layton Miller, Cello

arr. Helgen

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Lord God, we give thanks for your mercy— welcoming us home from wandering, clothing us with your loving-kindness, and feeding us from your abundant table. Prepare a place for us in your holy realm, where the lost are found, heaven and earth embrace, and the dead are raised to new life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE TABLE

The Table represents Christ, and the removal of the vessels is symbolic of the humiliation of Christ. Scripture is read as the items are removed and carried out of the sanctuary.

The Removal of the Bread – *Psalm 22:1-8*

The Removal of the Cup – *Psalm 22:9-11, 14-15*

The Removal of the Cloth – *Psalm 22:18-20, 24*

ENTRANCE OF THE CROWN OF THORNS**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

Komm' Susser Tod (Come Sweet Death)

J. S. Bach
arr. Fox

DISMISSAL

**The Maundy Thursday service ends in silence.
This evening's worship service continues tomorrow with our
Tenebrae worship service at 7pm.in our sanctuary.**

“Maundy” is derived from John 13:34, *Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos*: I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

This is Jesus’ final lesson in charity, humility and friendship.

✧ **THOSE SERVING THIS EVENING** ✧

John E. Morgan, Pastor
Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

MUSIC MINISTRY

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries
Norman Elton, Organist and Assistant Director of Music
Layton Miller, cello
WPC Chancel Choir

GREETERS

Jorge and Janie Cortina

USHERS

Matthew Underwood, Rebecca Caprio

COMMUNION SERVERS

Elders and Deacons

AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS

John Schoenberger

☞ UPCOMING HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES ☞

All are invited to join us for our worship services.

Good Friday • April 3

Engaging the Story of Good Friday Service at 5pm in Stevenson Hall.
Tenebrae Worship Service at 7pm.in our sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Morning • April 5

Easter Worship Services are at 8, 9:30*, and 11am** in our sanctuary.
The sermon "*With Fear and Great Joy*" is based on Matthew 28:1-10.

*Service is live-streamed on mywpc.org.

**Service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.

Please note the following changes for Easter Sunday morning:

- Sunday School classes will not be held.
- Childcare will not be available.
- Coffee Fellowship will not be held.