

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.  
**April 1, 2021**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**The Bell Calls Us to Worship**

**Prelude** Komm Süßer Tod (Come, Sweet Death) J.S. Bach

**Scripture Sentences**

**Commemoration of Maundy Thursday**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 100** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Rockingham

**Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was 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.**

The congregation sits.

**Prayer of Confession** Unison

**Eternal God, your 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, nor love one another as you command.**

**In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.**

**Lead us once again to your table and unite us with Christ,**

**who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace ...**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Declaration of Pardon

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### Passing of the Peace

(Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-14

### Psalm 116:1-2, 12-13,17a,18-19

Unison

I love the Lord, who heard my voice and my supplication.

Because God inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord; in your midst, O Jerusalem.

### Musical Meditation

The Old, Rugged Cross

Sung by Daniel Whitaker

### Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### Gospel

John 13:1-11,21-30

### Sermon

Going Out into the Night

Mike Krech

“So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. ... after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.” John 13:26b, 30

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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### Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

The congregation sits.

### Prayers of the People – The Solemn Intercessions

## The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

### Invitation to the Table

### Words of Institution

## **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to one of the tables.

Carefully take a piece of bread, and/or a small cup.

Eat and drink while at the table and place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

**The pastor offers a prayer of spiritual Communion for those not receiving.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion** Unison

**God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine,  
in which we share his body and blood.**

**May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love  
show forth in our lives the fruits of his redemption. Amen.**

## **The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross**

In this historic prayer of the church, the leader speaks as the voice of God, the Creator and Giver of Life and Shepherd of Israel, and as the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ from the cross.

Each portion of the prayer ends with the exchange:

**Pastor:** ... you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Unison: Holy God,  
Holy and mighty,  
Holy, immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 97, st.1,2,3**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Redhead 76

The congregation sits

## **The Stripping of the Church**

In keeping with the solemn events of Maundy Thursday night and Good Friday, the Church developed the custom of removing many of the symbols and appointments of worship from the worship space. This speaks to the solitude of Christ in his suffering on our behalf and leaves the church fittingly unadorned for Good Friday.

After the appointed persons have removed the flags, worshippers may meet Pastor Krech at the chancel steps to be directed to remove items from the chancel. Take your item, walk down the center aisle of the church, turn left at the hallway and place the item on one of the tables in the fellowship hall (Room 102A). You may then silently depart the church building or return to the sanctuary for prayer or to further assist the stripping of the church.