



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 28, 2024

The word "Maundy" is from the Latin word meaning commandment. Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you" is the focus of Maundy Thursday. It is also the night in which Jesus instituted "The Lord's Supper." Our Holy Week services follow the last days of the earthly life of Jesus. Please join us tomorrow night for our service on Good Friday and for services on Easter!

HOLY WEEK

Good Friday Worship

March 29

7pm - First Parish Church

Easter Worship

March 31

6:15am - Sunrise Service-Nubble Lighthouse

First Parish Church

10am Worship

Easter Egg Hunt after worship

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Rev. Eric Dupee

Rev. Dan Hollis

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

John Covino, Moderator

Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator

Treasurer, Ray Hamlin

Clerk, Susan Mancinelli

PRELUDE "LISTEN TO THE LAMBS"

Arr. D. Byron Arneson (1929-2020)

"LAMB OF GOD"

Twila Paris (b. 1958)

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG

"AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE"

1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
 4 No end, there is! We de - part in peace, he loves be -

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond the ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our

gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord' and Host.

THE LAST SUPPER

CONFESSION AND PARDON

My sisters and brothers,

Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's spirit.

Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. Believe in the good news: in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Gospel of Matthew 13:1-15, 31b-35

REFLECTION "UNLESS I WASH YOU"

CHOIR ANTHEM "REMEMBER ME" Stan Pethel (b. 1950)
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE Gospel of Matthew 26:17-29

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN "JESUS, REMEMBER ME"

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

Piano Interlude

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(unison)*

Living, loving God, we thank you for inviting us to your table. Thank you for always providing for our needs, both physical and spiritual. We thank you for Jesus Christ, your son and our savior. His grace, love, compassion, and teachings are all without measure. We are blessed to know him; and through him, to know you. Amen.

*CLOSING SONG "GLORIFY THY NAME"

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

BENEDICTION

Hear the promise of Jesus Christ: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

Offering plates will not be passed tonight. If you wish to make a financial offering to God's work at First Parish, there is a basket by the door. Thank you!