

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



A SERVICE OF WORD, TABLE AND FOOT WASHING MAUNDY THURSDAY April 6, 2023

Maundy Thursday takes its name from the latin '*mandatum*', meaning 'commandment', in reference to the new commandment Jesus gives his disciples at the Last Supper (John 13:34). This service also models Jesus washing the disciples' feet as an embodied action of friendship and servanthood. This can be a powerful experience, but for those not comfortable with participating in this way, the washing of hands is also offered.

Leading in worship are **The Rev. Jason Meyers, Jim Harbell** and **The Rev. Dr. Kristin Philipson**. The ministry of music is offered by **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm** and **Charles Davidson**.

This service is part of the ancient Triduum – marking the three sacred days leading up to Easter.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Variations on *Wondrous Love*

Samuel Barber, 1910-1981

WELCOME

HYMN 130 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

O W A L Y W A L Y

An upper room did our Lord prepare
For those he loved until the end:
And his disciples still gather there
To celebrate their risen Friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
To share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
He by his cross shall lift us up. (*please be seated*)

LIGHTING OF TWELVE CANDLES

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: For each one, Jesus washed them clean and said,

All: ‘This love I give to you.’

One: For each one, Jesus broke bread and said,

All: ‘This kingdom is for you.’

One: For each one, Jesus shared wine and said,

All: ‘This promise is alive in you.’

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO *What Wondrous Love is This*

WONDROUS LOVE, arr. Jonathan Oldengarm

The words at *Voices United* 147, v. 1 and 2

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

ACT OF FOOT WASHING

HYMN DURING FOOT WASHING 593 *Jesu, Jesu*

CHEREPONI

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. R

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you. R

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:26-29

PEACE GREETING

One: On the night he sat supper for the last time with his friends,
Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."
The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray.

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN 134 *Shadows Gather, Deep and Cold*

KASLO

Shadows gather, deep and cold;
lamplight flickers, fades and fails.
Lord, you know what daybreak holds:
thorns and beatings, cross and nails.
You will be denied, betrayed
when the rooster wakes the sun.
Yet you kneel alone and pray,
“Not my will, but thine be done.”

In the watches of the night,
in the hour when darkness reigns,
in the grief that has no light,
in the time of fear and pain,
then we hold fast to your way,
to the victory you have won.
Jesus, teach us how to pray,
“Not my will, but thine be done.”

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:30-49, 56

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING AND STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

This service continues through Good Friday and Easter Vigil.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY

11:00 a.m. Good Friday Service
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Concert: G.F. Handel's *Brookes Passion*

EASTER SATURDAY

9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. Easter Service with Communion and the Metropolitan Silver Band