Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service for Children and Families

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On Sunday we shouted:

All: "Hosanna in the Highest!"
One: Jesus went to the temple and said:

All: "This house is a house of prayer."

One: The woman poured perfume and Jesus said:

All: "I am prepared."

One: Judas left the twelve and said: **All:** "What will you give me?"

One: Jesus washed their feet and said:

All: "You must also wash other's feet."
One: Jesus shared the bread and cup and said:

All: "Remember me."

One: They went to the garden and Jesus said:

All: "Pray with me."

One: The disciples fell asleep and Jesus said:

All: "Wake up!"

One: The guards came and Judas said:

All: "This is he."

One: They arrested Jesus and the crowds said:

All: "Crucify."

One: And they did. Tonight we remember the new rule Jesus gave:

All: We love one another just as Jesus loves us.

HYMN 300

We are One in the Spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, we are like sheep and we get lost. Our words and our actions hurt others. We do not always follow your way. Forgive us. Good Shepherd find us again and lead us home.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION











SCRIPTURE

John 13: 1-17, 34-35

SERMON

R. Pedersen

OFFERING

Ubi Caritas Children's Choir





INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: This table is not ours. The feast before us was prepared for us. We are not welcomed because we have accomplished something, but rather because God, who loves us, is the one who invites us and prepares a place for each of us. We come to this table of grace.

All: Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

One: Here at this table, we are made one with all who follow Jesus, from every time and from every place. Here nothing divides, here we are whole. We come to the table of peace:

All: Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.

One: We come this table because God so loved the world that he gave his only son. Jesus was God's love walking in the world. This table is filled with that same love given for us. We come to the table of love.

All: Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.

One: We come to this table and know the promise that one day we will sit together and no one will be hungry or thirsty or afraid. We share this feast in hope of that day. We come to the table of hope.

All: Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of hope.

One: We remember the upper room and the feast Jesus shared with the disciples. We also remember that when he was raised, it was when he shared bread with them that they recognized him. Sisters and brothers: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

All: Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy. This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of joy.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



THE LORD'S PRAYER (in 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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION



You are invited to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward a deacon will bring communion to you.

COMMUNION SONG

Let us Break Bread Together

HYMN 525

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 250

In the Bulb There is a Flower

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION





As the service ends, you are invited to either remain in prayer, join the pastors in the Children's Chapel to take part in the ancient practice of foot washing, or depart for the evening.



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

March 29, 2018 7:30p.m., Sanctuary Maundy Thursday WELCOME Agnes W. Norfleet

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. On this day Christ gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

All: Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

One: Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

All: Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection.

† **HYMN** 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving and Eternal God,

We gather this evening hour,

As friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago.

We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world.

We come from various places,

With dry and thirsty spirits.

In Jesus Christ you fill our hearts and quench our thirst,

But we are slow to share the feast with others.

By your mercy, forgive us and restore us.

Lead us once again to your table,

And unite us to the bread of life and cup of salvation.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus gave his life and died for us, **All: So that we may be forgiven,** One: And our sins be washed away.

All: Cleansed of our sin, let us serve one another. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 12:1-8, 12-14 (page 58 in Bible)

Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM

From Life to Life Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Petr Eben

O wheat whose crushing was for bread, o bread whose breaking is for life, o life your seeming end is seed, a seed for wheat, or bread and life. O fruit whose crushing was for wine, o wine whose flowing is for blood, o blood, your pouring out is life, our life in you, o fruitful vine. O life whose crushing was for love, o love whose spending was to death, o death, your mourning is our joy, full joy and birth to lasting life.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (page 173 in Bible) Franklyn C. Pottorff

MEDITATION Of Thai Food and Jesus Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN** 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

OFFERING Franklyn C. Pottorff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Crux Fideles Jean-Jules Roger-Ducasse Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers; Elizabeth Weigle, soprano

Faithful cross above all others, one and only noble tree. None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit Thy peer may be. Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on Thee. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Agnes W. Norfleet

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As the bread and cup are distributed, you may partake individually in personal prayer. Gluten- and casein-free bread is available in the small container located on each plate.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Agnus Dei

Charles Marie Widor

Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Lamb most holy, who suffered for our transgressions, grant to us forgiveness. May Thy peace enfold us.

Taste and See

Pamela Decker

Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Taste and see that the Lord is good; Look upon him and be radiant. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him. Taste and see that the Lord is good; Happy are they who trust in him!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (in unison)

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Holy God, we have feasted in memory of the night Jesus was betrayed and in the confidence that we will feast again with him in glory. We give you thanks for the gift of this meal, shared among friends. We give you thanks for the gift of Jesus' life, his body broken for us. Give us grace to bear the fruit of your Vine that the world might have life in his name. Amen.

† **HYMN** 215

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

The stripping of the church is a practice that dates from the seventh century as a vivid and dramatic way of showing forth the desolation and abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane.

The congregation is invited to leave in silence.

BULLETIN COVER

Last Supper 1973, by Sadao Watanabe

The embroidered cut-work communion cloth on the table was given in 1981 to the glory of God by Cdr. and Mrs. George C. McFarland.