

DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

5:30 p.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Erbarme dich (Have Mercy on Me, O God)

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

*HYMN 517 (Stanza 1)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Morecambe

The Water is poured.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a night to remember.

People: We remember the last meal Jesus shared with the disciples.

Leader: We remember the new covenant poured out for us.

People: We remember Christ sat at table with friends and foes.

Leader: We remember Jesus was betrayed, arrested, put on trial, and in the end he died.

People: We remember these events and give thanks to God for the sacrifice on the Cross.

*HYMN 517 (Stanza 2)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Morecambe

The Bread is brought to the table.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To break bread with one another is one of the most holy and Christian things we can do. Yet, we, through our selfishness, our greed, our bigotry, and our ignorance, defile this holy act of fellowship. We try to control who is let-in, and who is kept-out. We ignore Jesus when we see him face to face. We silence the voice of the Holy Spirit when we don't like what we hear. We make God's creation no longer good.

Forgive us God of grace, and sit with us at the table once more.

Silence

*HYMN 517 (Stanza 3)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Morecambe

The cups are brought to the table.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nicole Jiskoot

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Dr. Speed

(An offering is being received tonight for the Deacons' Fund, a fund to help members of our church family in times of financial crisis. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets; offering plates are located at the entrances. You may also contribute online at the church website or by scanning the QR Code on the back of the bulletin.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN 517 (Stanza 4)*

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Morecambe

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Bible is brought forward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Tully M. Fletcher IV

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Mark 14:12-16, *preparations for the Passover meal*
(pew Bible, page 51, N.T.)

Luke 22:14-18, *the meal begins*
(pew Bible, page 86, N.T.)

Matthew 26:26-28, *the first Eucharist*
(pew Bible, page 30, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

"Jesus' Final Hours"

Rev. Fletcher

Jerusalem



3) Upper Room & Trials

2) Temple

1) Mt. Olives & Gethsemane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion in groups of approximately 12, around the three tables.

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Tully Fletcher
Rev. Dr. Todd Speed
Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

Responding with Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: All honor and praise and glory be to God.

People: The Lord's name be praised forever.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Wine

Rev. Wilmesherr, Rev. Fletcher, Dr. Speed

The Sharing of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation

(Gluten free communion will be offered by intinction, by dipping the bread into the wine or by receiving the elements separately. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and you will be served in your pew.)

Communion Anthem

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Carlton Young

Chancel Choir

Bread of the world in mercy broken, Wine of the soul in mercy shed, By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us thy token That by thy grace our souls are fed. *Amen.* [Reginald Heber]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Wilmesherr

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

Please remain silent as the chancel is stripped of all vestments, candles, and communion elements, in preparation for the recognition of Good Friday.

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*Following the service, you are invited to join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall.
Dinner tonight is free, but you may make a donation if you wish.*

What Does “Maundy” Mean?

Derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning “commandment, Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.

The Lord’s Supper. Though on this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover, we are neither celebrating a Seder (“order of service”), nor reenacting the Last Supper, but sharing with our risen Lord a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The term “last supper” suggests that it was only one of many meals shared by Jesus and his disciples. The Eucharist is rooted not only in the Last Supper but also in Jesus’ eating with sinners, and in his feeding the crowd with the loaves and fishes, and it foreshadows the meals after his resurrection.

Stripping of the Church. The final act of this service is the evocative stripping of the worship space. The stark, bare, unadorned church now reflects Jesus’ abandonment during the night in Gethsemane. The visual aspect of the transformed worship space gives people a dramatic depiction of Christ’s desolation.

~from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 113-116, 131-132)

*Childcare is available for 2nd grade and younger
on the playground.
Ushers are available for directions, as needed.*



*We invite you to return and join us for our remaining
Holy Week services, in the sanctuary and on Live Stream:*

Good Friday

April 7, 2023, 8:00 pm

Tenebrae Service—*A Service of Darkness*

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

9:30 am

Flowering the Cross

*Come enjoy Easter Cookies and Decorate the Cross in the Terrace Garden
Bring flowers or greenery from your yard, if you are able.*

10:30 am

Festival Service of Easter

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed, preaching

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Special Offering: *One Great Hour of Sharing*



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