

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9, 2020

7:30 PM

*Called by God to reduce the widening gap between rich and poor*

Our worship this evening is an adaptation of an early fourth century service in which there is a solemn observance of Holy Communion. Worshippers are encouraged to meditate on the fact that it was on Maundy Thursday that the twelve disciples were with Jesus in the Upper Room for the last time, and that he and they stood in the shadow of the cross. The service begins and ends with silence.

As Jesus and his followers gathered in the Upper Room for their Last Supper together, so we gather as he directed us to do in remembrance of him. You are invited to bring something to eat and something to drink when you join us for on-line worship. Using elements familiar to them, Jesus used bread and wine for his Last Supper with his disciples. If you're unable to have juice and bread, bring something familiar to you.

In the concluding portion of the service, the intimacy of the meal will be interrupted as we hear of Jesus' arrest and the disciples' abandonment of him. Scripture lessons will be accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of candles and lights to symbolize the flight of the disciples, the approach of Jesus' enemies and the Passion of Jesus. The Christ candle burning alone represents Christ's total desertion. Our service ends in silence.

**Prelude**

*Le Banquet*

Celeste Olivier Messiaen

## Welcome and Call to Worship

**Hymn No. 202**

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

O WALY WALY



1. An Up - per Room did our Lord pre - pare for those he loved un - til the\_\_
2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his bread, his lov - ing\_\_
3. And af - ter Sup - per he washed their feet for ser - vice, too, is sac - ra -
4. No end there is! We de - part in peace, he loves beyond the ut - ter - most:



end: and his dis - ci - ples still gath - er\_\_ there to ce - le - brate their Ris - en\_\_ Friend.  
cup. What - ev - er\_\_ bur - dens may bow us\_\_ down, he by his Cross shall lift us\_\_ up.  
ment. In him our\_\_ joy shall be made com - plete sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
in ev - ery room\_\_ in our Fa - ther's house he will be there as Lord and Host.

## Prayer of Confession

## Declaration of Pardon

## Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1–14

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*Stay with Us*

Walter L. Pelz

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.  
Stay with us, it soon is evening.  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us,  
it soon is evening, and night is falling.  
Jesus Christ, the world's true light,  
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it.  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening.  
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.  
Let your light pierce the darkness  
and fill your church with its glory.

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 22:7–20

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

**The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

## Anthem

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Wagner

2017 First Presbyterian Bell Choir, Jack Holmes *conductor*

## Reading from the Passion Narrative

## Concluding Prayer

## Depart in Silence

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Parts of our liturgy were written by The Rev. Thom M. Shuman.

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