

The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14th, 2022 | 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday (from “mandatum,” Latin for commandment) proclaims Jesus’ new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. It celebrates Christ’s example of humble service and self-offering, represented by the sharing of communion. Our worship begins with an emphasis on confession and forgiveness, concluding the season of Lent. The peace candle represents the peace of Christ, sent by God to heal our broken world. During the Stripping of the Church, this candle will be extinguished in preparation for Good Friday and Christ’s coming passion.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Song of Peace”
“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness, Op. 122, No. 5”

Jean Langlais
Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please stand in body or in spirit.

**Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

HYMN 202

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

O WALY WALY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of us all, we know that you hold us and cover us with your abiding love, even when we fall short of what you call us to do. We have not always welcomed others to your table, even though you so freely invite us into your home. Teach us, God, to love you and our neighbors with our whole hearts, and may we never refuse your welcome and your love for each of us. We feel your love still, Lord, even when we fail, and we pray that you will lead us to your loving table of abundance and hope, again and again...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANTHEM

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

—Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 22:1-23

pew Bible, New Testament page 86/large print, New Testament page 105

MEDITATION

“Invitations”

Audrey Webber, M.Div

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

Please stand in body or in spirit.

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Anton Bruckner

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above all names.

—Philippians 2:8-9

COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

HYMN 206

“This Is the Night”

MY NEIGHBOR

Please stand in body or in spirit.

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH: PSALM 22:1-2, 7-8, 14-21

Peter Hallock

As the Psalm is chanted, the linens, paraments, and tableware are removed from the Church in preparation for Good Friday.

Please depart in silence.

Worship continues tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. with Good Friday.

Through word, music, and silence, we hear and reflect on the Gospel writers' witness to the last words Jesus spoke at the time of his crucifixion.

LEADING THIS EVENING

Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*
Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

The First Church Choir Octet
Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

THIS WEEK

Good Friday: Meditations
on the Seven Last Words
Friday, April 15th at 12-3 p.m.

Easter Worship with
Communion in the Chapel
Sunday, April 17th at 8 a.m.

Easter Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday, April 17th at 9 and 11 a.m.
Brass and organ prelude at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m.

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