



MAUNDY THURSDAY

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

APRIL 6, 2023

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
AND STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL**

WELCOME		John Weicher
PRELUDE	<i>My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread</i>	James Biery
CALL TO WORSHIP		Mindy Douglas
Leader:	In the shadow of our suffering	
All:	is the suffering of Jesus.	
Leader:	In the shadow of our weakness	
All:	is the vulnerability of the Christ.	
Leader:	In the shadow of our pain	
All:	is the God who cried out.	
Leader:	We are never rejected.	
All:	We are never left alone.	
HYMN No. 213	<i>In the Cross of Christ I Glory</i>	<i>Rathbun</i>
CONFESSION OF SIN		Mindy Douglas
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession (in unison)		
O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ,	who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal.	
Wash us from the stain of sin,	so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail,	
but follow your Son through every trial,	and praise him always as Lord and Christ,	
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,	one God, now and forever.	
Silent Confession		
Declaration of Forgiveness		
COLLECT FOR THE DAY		John Weicher
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
All:	And also with you.	
Leader:	Let us pray.	
All:	Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit,	
	you have given us a new commandment:	
	to love and serve one another in Jesus' name.	
	Let the good news of your liberating love	
	be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives;	
	through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John Weicher

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-33

Susan Dunlap

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MEDITATION

Susan Dunlap

HYMN

My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Rockingham

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Susan Dunlap

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Meek and majestic God,
 you set aside the perfection of your Trinitarian life
 to create the universe,
 and you called the children of Abraham to be your priestly kingdom.
 You gave your people freedom in the parting of the sea
 and marked them for life with the blood of the Lamb.
 In Jesus you laid aside the robe of your majesty
 and knelt among your children, facing humiliation and rejection.
 In his agony in the garden and suffering on the cross
 you showed the world the extent of your love
 and your longing to bring us home to the throne
 where we shall join angels and archangels
 and all the company of heaven,
 praising your holy name in the unending hymn:

All (sung):

Sanctus

Land of Rest

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Leader: Self-giving God, in Jesus you became the Lamb
 who takes away the sin of the world,
 and in the living bread, broken for the life of your children.
 Come among us in the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people,
 as fragile and fitful as your disciples, may become your temple,
 and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
 the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
 Great is the mystery of faith:

All (sung):

Land of Rest

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note, and the second staff continues the melody.

Leader: Blessed and broken God, be among your people
who taste the bitter herbs of slavery and oppression;
be close to your children who are poured out in grief and despair;
remake the church, your Son's body,
where it is broken by discord and dispute;
and renew your creation in the joy of thanksgiving.
Spread your table in the face of friends and enemies,
that all may know your peace and gather in the company of your saints,
where you, in the presence of Christ
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, are all in all,
one God, now and forever.

All (sung):

Land of Rest

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The staff ends with a fermata over the final note.

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 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

Esther Hethcox, Susan Dunlap

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(The bread is gluten free, and the elements were prepared in a gluten-free area. Servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive communion. The bread server will dip a pre-cut piece of bread in the common cup for you and then pass it to you. After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.
All: **God of grace,
we give you thanks for the feast of redemption
that we have shared in the body and blood of our savior.
As you have nourished us with love,
let our lives proclaim your great love for the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

*(Silence is maintained during the stripping of the chancel.
Let us also depart in silence.)*

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

A **portion of this evening's texts** are taken from *Liturgies for the Journey of Life, Book of Common Worship (2018) Daily Prayer edition*, and *Eucharistic Prayers*. **Hymn texts and music** are reprinted under Onelicense.net: A.713926.



Free for everyone

The Eno String Quartet

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS
of our Savior on the cross (1787) - *Franz Joseph Haydn*

First Presbyterian Church
305 East Main Street
Downtown Durham

FRIDAY
April 7th
7:00pm

Good Friday, April 7

12 Noon – Stations of the Cross
(Begins at St. Philip's Episcopal and ends at FPC.)
All ages welcome to participate.

Easter Sunday, April 9
Resurrection of the Lord

11:00 a.m. – Worship with Holy Communion
Following worship, the congregation is invited
to **Watts-Hill Hall for light refreshments.**

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) offering, received annually on Easter Sunday, provides relief to the hungry, poor, and oppressed, and those affected by natural disasters and wars. You may give online (FPC website) or during worship using the specially marked offering envelope.