



Maundy Thursday



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



FEDERATED CHURCH

Welcome to Worship at Federated!

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

PRELUDE

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Amanda Weeder, Piano

ARR. SHIRLEY BRENDLINGER
ARR. SHACKLEY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOVEMENT 1 – THE LAST SUPPER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to worship the Trinity,

All: One God, three persons, beyond our understanding yet constantly revealing themselves to us.

One: We have come to worship an infinite being

All: who took on finite flesh: fully human and fully divine—

One: a being who is love itself, yet loathes injustice;

All: who is almighty, yet let go of power to be in solidarity with outcasts and criminals.

One: We gather to worship the living God

All: who died.

* OPENING HYMN WITH LIGHTING OF CANDLES *Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

FIRST READING

Gospel According to Luke 22 : 7 - 13

Pew Bible, NT, page 86

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**As you are able, please rise in body or in spirit.*

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LORD'S PRAYER
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
COMMUNION SONG

Eat This Bread

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As Jesus nourishes us with his very body, we become the Body of Christ. May this feast fuel us for the work of joining others in their in-betweens. Amen.

SECOND READING Gospel According to Luke 22 : 24 - 27 Pew Bible, NT, page 87

BRIEF REFLECTION

JOURNEYING TO THE CROSS

CHORAL ANTHEM

Cross of Jesus Cross of Sorrow by Lovelace
Chancel Choir; Stuart Gausman, Director

MOVEMENT 2 – THE CRUCIFIXION

THIRD READING Gospel According to Luke 23 : 20 - 27 Pew Bible, NT, pages 88 - 89

FIRST STORY: SIMON OF CYRENE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: When we follow in the steps of Jesus, we say yes to bearing his cross - not because there is any kind of value in suffering, not to prove our selflessness, nor because God wills it, but because living as Jesus lived makes the cross inevitable. So together, let us pray:

All: Jesus, when we side with you, we side with all who threaten the status quo.

One: When we refuse the call to see others' struggles as our own, we abandon our kin to shoulder their crosses alone. So we pray, O God,

All: embolden us to accept the risks that come with following you - even as we resist the powers and systems that set crosses on our shoulders. Amen.

FOURTH READING Gospel According to Luke 23 : 39 - 43 Pew Bible, NT, page 89

SECOND STORY: THE CRIMINAL ON THE CROSS

SUNG MEDITATION *Jesus, Remember Me*

PREPARING FOR THE LAST READING

FIFTH AND FINAL READING Gospel According to Luke 23 : 44 - 46, 48 Pew Bible, NT, page 89

MOVEMENT 3 – THE TOMB

*** CLOSING SONG** *Within Our Darkest Night*

*** CLOSING LITANY**

BLESSING AND SENDING

All worshipers depart in silence.

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