



April 9, 2020 • 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

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About the Lord's Supper

Tonight, as we remember the meal Christ shared with His disciples before His death, we will celebrate the Eucharist online. Although this may feel unusual for us, please be assured that the Presbyterian Church (USA) allows for this practice in emergencies. To read the denomination's statement about Communion in a pandemic, [click here](#). 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, nor re-enacting the Last Supper, but sharing with our risen Lord a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

We invite you to create a worship space for yourself by preparing Communion elements in advance. Consider gathering grape juice and bread; another beverage, crackers, or matzo also work. At the point that we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the pastor will guide you. We also invite you to light a candle in your worship space if it is safe to do so. Even as we are physically distanced, it is the same light of Christ that shines in all our darkness.

Order of Worship

WELCOME

The Reverend Lynn M. Portz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

People: **Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.**

Pastor: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered Himself to those who would kill Him, setting us free from sin and death forever. This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another. This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with His followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

Based on John 13:34

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

▲ HYMN 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

1. My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
2. Christ came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow,
but people scorned and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend!
3. Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing,
resounding all the way Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.
4. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet steadfast He to suffering goes, that He His foes from thence might free.
5. Here might I stay and sing. No story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1664

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The Reverend Todd E. Leach

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Based on Romans 5; Hebrews 4:16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken in unison)*

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill Your will. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. In Jesus Christ, You serve us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love You fully or love one another as You command.

In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Your table and unite us to Christ, who is the Bread of Life and the Vine from which we grow in grace.

Book of Common Worship

Pastor: Jesus, Lamb of God,
People: Have mercy on us.
Pastor: Jesus, Bearer of our sins,
People: Have mercy on us.
Pastor: Jesus, Redeemer of the world,
People: Grant us peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Pastor: Believe the good news of the Gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-14

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

This Is for You

The Reverend Dr. John A. Dalles

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Philippians 2:5-11

SOLO

Steal Away

Traditional Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh

Gail Roup, soprano; Justin Wallace, piano

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, He calls me. He calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

Traditional Spiritual text

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Reverend Kendra L. Buckwalter Smith

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Luke 22:14-20

When the hour came, He took His place at the table, and the apostles with Him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then He took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." And He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

Friends, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until He comes.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

... we proclaim Your greatness and sing Your praise.

SANCTUS

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord ...
... Praise to You, Lord Jesus:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

People: Dying You destroyed our death, rising You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your people ...
... Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The bread is broken, and the cup is poured.

Pastor: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We embody our unity in Christ through the action of partaking.
Along with the pastor, please partake of the bread and then the cup.*

PRAYER OF RESPONSE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of grace, we give You thanks for the feast of redemption 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. Hear us as we join our voices in the prayer our Lord taught:

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.

▲ HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

Text: American folk hymn, ca. 1811

SILENT MEDITATION

*We transition from Eucharistic celebration to walk with Jesus toward crucifixion and death.
The service continues on Good Friday.*

Soli Deo gloria!

Thank you for worshipping with us virtually this day.

This Evening from Shadyside Presbyterian Church

This evening's choral music is under the direction of guest conductor **Dr. Mark A. Boyle**. Dr. Boyle is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities at Seton Hill University. Both he and his wife Jane are members of the Chancel Choir. Dr. Boyle is conducting for Mr. Anderson while he is on sabbatical spending concentrated time on coursework for his Doctor of Sacred Music degree.

We thank our musicians: Gail Roup, soprano; and Justin Wallace, piano.

About This Evening's Music

"Steal Away," arranged by Ohio composer Howard Helvey, is a moving version of this timeless melody. The spiritual form comes to us from the minds of enslaved African people, finding roots in work songs of the field and community music-making during precious and rare times of rest. The messages present in the Bible of liberation and freedom rang true with these captive souls, and these words and tunes came about as they sought to express their desire for the same. We will never know the composers of these powerful melodies, so we sing them today to honor the nameless ones who looked skyward and sang, "My Lord, what a morning," and "Steal away to Jesus," yearning to be free.

Holy Week and Easter at Shadyside

..... *The Passionate Life*

As we follow Christ to the cross, and then through death and loss to the resurrection, we discover that Jesus died to give us life. Join us during Holy Week to find your place in the Passion and the new life Easter offers.

Good Friday, April 10

10:00 a.m. Family Service (online only)

Led by the Children's Ministry

Rev. Kendra Buckwalter Smith, preaching

7:00 p.m. Service (online only)

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Holy Saturday, April 11

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (online only)

Easter Sunday, April 12

11:00 a.m. Worship (online only)

Rev. Dr. John A. Dalles, preaching

Faith's Fair Vision

For more information, including access instructions, visit the website: www.shadysidepres.org/holy-week

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Shadyside Presbyterian Church seeks to reflect God's unconditional love as we proclaim, witness to, and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ. We strive to be a worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving community of faith that is comforted, challenged, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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