

CHESHIRE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Cheshire, Connecticut
The Rev. Dr. David Rowold, Pastor

MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST
April 1, 2021
7:30 PM

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Our Friend and Savior"
Tune Salem; setting by Birchwood

HYMN 431- *we sing, standing*

INVOCATION and SENTENCES

In the name of the Father and of the + Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I will go to the altar of God, **to God my
exceeding joy.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who
made heaven and earth.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY ADDRESS

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(all may kneel)

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a
poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You
all my sins and iniquities with which I
have ever offended You and justly de-
served Your temporal and eternal pun-
ishment. But I am heartily sorry for
them and sincerely repent of them, and I
pray You of Your boundless mercy and**

**for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter
sufferings and death of Your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and
merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

God be merciful to you and strengthen
your faith. **Amen.**

Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak
is not my forgiveness but God's? **Yes.**

Let it be done for you as you believe. In the
stead and by the command of my Lord Je-
sus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the
name of the Father and of the Son + and of
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify
you completely, and may your whole
spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He
who calls you is faithful; He will surely do
it. Go in + peace. **Amen.**

SHARING OF PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord, in this wondrous Sac-
rament You have left us a remembrance of
Your passion. Grant that we may so re-
ceive the sacred mystery of Your body and

blood that the fruits of Your redemption
may continually be manifest in us; for You
live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON - Exodus 12:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God!**

PSALM 116:12-19 - *we read in unison*

SECOND LESSON - 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to
God!**

page 157 - LENTEN VERSE - *all standing*

GOSPEL - Mark 14:12-26

*Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!
After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!*

HYMN 563 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page*

PRAYERS - *all may kneel*

*(prayers conclude: Let us pray to the lord.
Lord have mercy.*

OFFERTORY

*The Parish Choir women sing "Lenten Love
Song" by Helen Kemp*

page 160 - SERVICE OF THE
SACRAMENT

page 161- SANCTUS

page 162 - LORD'S PRAYER and
CONSECRATION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread, and drink this
cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he
comes. **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

page 163 - AGNUS DEI

HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Distribution, we sing HYMN
617*

*All are invited to commune who have been
baptized and instructed in the Faith; who re-
pent of their sins; who are committed to Christ
and to the mission of his church; and who be-
lieve with us that we receive and share our
Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under
the bread and the wine of the Sacrament -
where He gives forgiveness and Christian uni-
ty.*

*All who commune, kindly sign your names
in our Communicant Register, which is lo-
cated on the narthex shelf along side our
Guest Register.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

all standing

PSALM 22 - *we read in unison while the al-
tar is being stripped.*

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Note: After the pastor has left the nave of the
church via the side door, the congregation
leaves in silence, at the direction of the ush-
ers.

The Stripping of the Altar is symbolic of
Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers.
The omission of the Blessing at the end of
tonight's liturgy emphasizes it's continuation
in the service on Good Friday and ending
with the Easter Sunday service.

