

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST
April 6, 2023
7:30 PM

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - Bell Choir plays "Just as I am"
Tune Woodworth; setting by Moglebust

HYMN 436 - 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 deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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 Jesus 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 Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive 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 - Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

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page 157 - **LENTEN VERSE** - all standing

GOSPEL - John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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

HYMN 575 - we sing, seated

SERMON

NICENE CREED - hymnal, last page

PRAYERS - all may kneel

(prayers conclude: Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.)

OFFERTORY

"Lead me Lord" by Samuel Wesley

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 **HYMNS 435 and 744, st 1 - 4***

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe 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 unity.

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

all standing

PSALM 22 - we read in unison while the altar 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 ushers.

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.