

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST
April, 17 2025
7:30 PM

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Nearer my God to Thee*” by
Lowell Mason; setting by Bock.

HYMN 623 - *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 ex-
ceeding 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 con-
fess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the
sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us for-
giveness.

(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 suffer-
ings and death of Your beloved Son, Je-
sus 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 Sacra-
ment 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 - Exodus

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 173 - **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 543 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page,
all standing*

PRAYERS - *all may kneel*

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

OFFERTORY - The Bell Choir plays “*Let
Us Break Bread Together*” Spiritual ar-
ranged by Growth & McChesney.

page 177 - **SERVICE OF THE
SACRAMENT**

page 178 - **SANCTUS**

page 179 - **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 un-
til he comes. **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

page 180 - **AGNUS DEI**

HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Distribution, we sing HYMNS
622 vs 1, 4, 6, 7, & 8 and 632*

*All are invited to commune who have been bap-
tized 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 for-
giveness 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.*

Page 183- **POST-COMMUNION PRAY-
ER**

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 congrega-
tion leaves in silence, at the direction of the
ushers.

The Stripping of the Altar is symbolic of
Jesus’ humiliation at the hands of the sol-
diers. The omission of the Blessing at the
end of tonight’s liturgy emphasizes it’s con-
tinuation in the service on Good Friday and
ending with the Easter Sunday service.