

DIVINE WORSHIP

The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. During this time, be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary. (Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)

THE PRELUDE *'Twas on That Night, When Doomed to Know*

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8

Minister: Blessed be our God.

Congregation: Now and forever. Amen.

***THE SONG OF ASCENT** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*
Trinity Hymnal, 420

THE DECALOGUE Ex. 20:1-17; Deut. 5:6-21

Minister: The Scriptures teach that “through the law comes knowledge of sin” (Rom. 3:20). The apostle Paul testifies, “if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin” (Rom. 7:7). Thus, the law shows us our sin and consequently our need of Christ.

God spoke these words and said: I am the LORD your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not take the Name of the LORD your God in vain.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: Honor your father and your mother.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not murder.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not commit adultery.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not steal.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: You shall not covet.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left
undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Minister)

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE** *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*
Trinity Hymnal, 469

THE LESSONS Ex. 12:1-14; Psalm 78:15-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

***THE CREED** The Apostles' Creed Hymn

1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and earth, and in
2. Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell, laid with -
3. At God's right hand he is seat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said; fin - al
4. I be - lieve the church of Je - sus ho - ly, cath - o - lic re - mains; we are
Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth; by the
in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell. But the
judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead. I con -
one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints. I be -
Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Mar - y bore God's Son, he in
stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose: in - to
fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son to ap -
13 lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised, life with
whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y, Three in One.
heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.
ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, Three in One.
God is nev - er end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised.

THE PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands*
Trinity Hymnal, 427

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION AND INSTRUCTION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SURSUM CORDA

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of pow - er and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the Name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Please stand, if able.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (Unison)

*We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.*

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION (Unison)

*Heavenly Father,
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have
given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ
our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

Benediction
Trinity Hymnal, 730

*THE BLESSING

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and
of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
and remain with you always.

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Congregation: Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith Welcome & Announcements

Maundy Thursday: Jesus shared his last meal with His disciples, called the Last Supper, on the night before His crucifixion. The institution of the Lord's Supper occurred during this meal, as indicated from the New Testament. Since Scripture tells us that Jesus was crucified on a Friday, Jesus shared the important Last Supper with his apostles on a Thursday. The synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) suggest that the Last Supper was a Passover Meal.

The name Maundy is derived by way of Middle English and Old French from the Latin word *mandatum*, likely taken from the expression *mandatum novum*, or a "new mandate." The importance of this expression is from the Gospel of John. As Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He said, "A new commandment [*mandatum novum*] I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

Because of the timing of this day and the Last Supper, we have chosen to celebrate the Lord's Supper as a church. In preparation for celebrating the Lord's Supper, in accordance with the Apostle Paul's admonition that we examine ourselves, we ask that you use today's liturgy in preparing your heart to receive the sacrament.

Seating: Please be courteous by moving toward the front of the sanctuary providing room in the back for those arriving late.

Restrooms: Restrooms are available at the East-end on the sanctuary level or downstairs at the East-end of the hallway. Please use the restrooms downstairs during the worship service.

Remaining Holy Week Services: April 7th – April 9th
Good Friday Service - 6:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m.

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes
(1 Corinthians 11:23–26).

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Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023 6:00 P.M.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night" (Psalm 92:1,2)

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