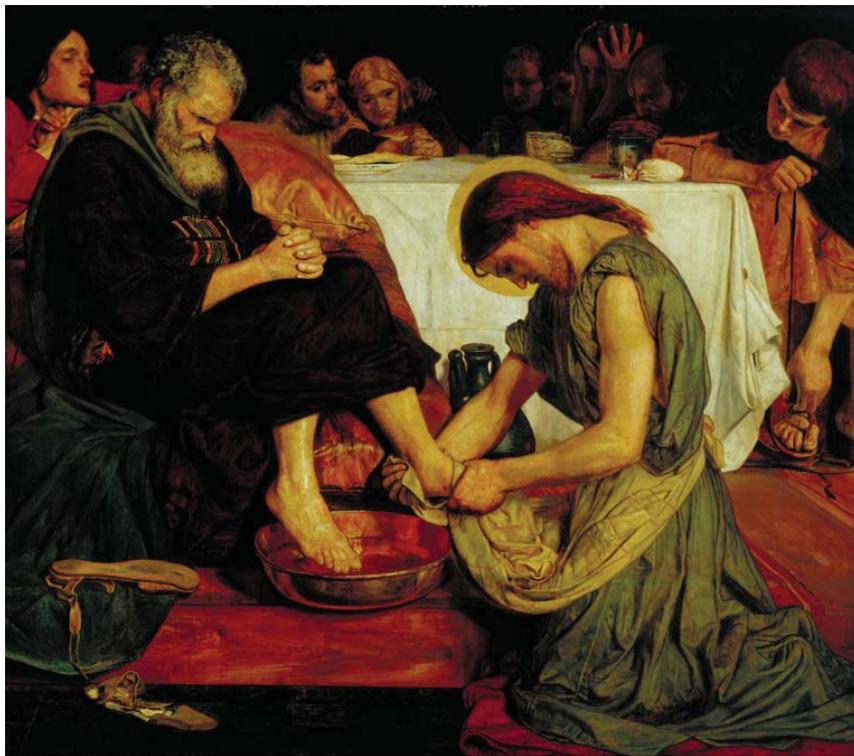




WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

April 13, 2017 - Maundy Thursday
6 P.M. in the Holmes Chapel



So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have set you an example,
that you also should do as I have done to you.

- John 13:14-15

Welcome to this place of Christian worship.

The Thursday of Holy Week is called “Maundy Thursday.” The word may come from the Latin mandatum, or “command,” recalling the new commandment Jesus gave his disciples to love one another, or Latin mundo which means “wash,” referring to Jesus’ washing the disciples’ feet at the Last Supper. The lectionary readings for this day are the same each year and include the story of Passover, the earliest account of the Last Supper, and the story of Jesus washing the disciples’ feet.

Because there are many who wish to prepare for worship with meditation and prayer, it is requested that there be no casual conversation after the music begins. Please turn off all cell phones.

Opening Voluntary

Meditation on *Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether*[†]

Gerre Hancock^{††} (1934-2012)

Chiming of the Trinity

The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.

Introit

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

PLAINCHANT TONE VIII.1

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,
Because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me:
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
You have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Call to Worship

Dr. Yorty

Prayer for the Day

**God of love, during Holy Week,
we give you thanks for this night
Jesus shared with his disciples.
Between the public parade and the public charade
is this intimate hour.
Though even now we do not fully understand,
we long to follow his example:
to serve as he served, to love as he loved.
Jesus promised that if we know these things
and do them, we will be blessed.
Help us, then, to know and to do all that Jesus taught.
Though we betray and deny, we still come seeking a blessing,
for this much we do know: we cannot live unless you bless us.
Amen.**



Here, O our Lord, we see You face to face,
We have no help but Yours, nor do we need
This is the hour of ban-quet and of song;
Too soon we rise, the sym-bols dis-ap-pear.
Feast af-ter feast thus comes and pas-ses by,
here would we touch and han-dle things un-seen,
an-oth-er arm save Yours to lean up-on.
this is the heav-enly ta-ble for us spread;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
yet, pas-sing, points to that glad feast a-bove,
here grasp with fir-mer hand et-er-nal grace,
It is en-ough, O Lord, en-ough in-deed;
here let us feast and, feast-ing, still pro-long
the bread and wine re-move, but You are here,
giv-ing sweet fore-taste of the fest-al joy,
and all our wear-i-ness up-on You lean.
our strength is in Your might, Your might a-lone.
the fel-low-ship of liv-ing wine and bread.
near-er than ev-er, still our shield and sun.
the Lamb's great bri-dal feast of bliss and love.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make us sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
We will serve thee faithfully.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer

Hear the gracious words of our Savior: Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened; and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Your beloved Son came as a servant to wash away our pride and feed us with the bread of life. We thank you for inviting us to feast with him who died for us, and who calls us to serve each other in love. How wonderful are your ways, almighty God. How marvelous is your name, O Holy One. You alone are God. Therefore with apostles, prophets, and that great cloud of witnesses who live for you beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

Sanctus & Benedictus

The choir sings.

*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.*

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, whom you sent to deliver us from the bondage of death and slavery to sin. In humility he descends from your heights, to kneel in obedience to love's command. He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin. He who is free takes our place in death's prison.

In the desert of our wanderings, he sustains us, giving us his body as manna for our weariness.

The cup of suffering which he drank has become for us the cup of salvation.

In his death, he ransomed us from death's dominion; in his resurrection, he opened the way to eternal life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

The choir sings.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this bread and this cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord, and that we, and all who share his feast, may be one with Christ and he with us.

**Fill us with eternal life, that with joy we may be his faithful people
until we feast with him in glory. Amen.**

Personal prayers of petition can be made at this time.

**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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
 for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is for you; do this remembering me."
 In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this remembering me."
 Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say "Amen" or "Thanks be to God" when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. Westminster Presbyterian Church serves only gluten and dairy-free bread in Communion. Please take the aisle nearest you to the communion station at the front of that aisle, and return to your seat by the same aisle.

Communion Motet

Quatre Motets sur des themes Grégoriens

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

I. Ubi Caritas

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
 Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Where charity and love abide, God is there.
 Christ's love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
 Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
 And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Prayer after Communion

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Amen.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all his benefits.

Hymn

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O WALY WALY

Stand to sing.



An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those He loved un - til the end:
 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave His own: to share His bread, His lov - ing cup.
 And af - ter sup - per He washed their feet, for ser - vice, too, is sac - ra - ment.
 No end there is! We de - part in peace, He loves be - yond the ut - ter - most:



and His dis - ci - ples still gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en Friend.
 What - ev - er bur - dens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.
 In Christ our joy shall be made com - plete: sent out to serve, as He was sent.
 in ev - ery room in our Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Charge and Benediction

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Matthew 26:30

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

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Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music
Brian Glikes, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar
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Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School
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Jen Callaghan, Elder

Notes on Today's Music

†*Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether* was published in 1957, although the hymn upon which the anthem is based was written in 1945 by one of the more influential American church musicians of the 20th century, Harold Friedell. Using a text written by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), Friedell composed it as a communion hymn specifically for Pentecost Sunday 1945. Taking his previously composed hymn tune, Friedell created the arrangement the choir is singing this evening.

Dearmer distinguished himself in the field of hymnology as the coeditor, with composer Ralph Vaughan Williams, of *The English Hymnal* (1906). He also co-edited *The Oxford Book of Carols* (1928) and other major collections.

Friedell had a long and distinguished career holding positions at several large churches in New Jersey and New York City, his last being organist choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church on Park Avenue. He also taught composition and improvisation at the School of Sacred Music of Union Theological Seminary.

††**Gerre Hancock** was an American organist, improviser, and composer. Hancock was Professor of Organ and Sacred Music at the University of Texas at Austin. Born in Lubbock, Texas, he received his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Texas at Austin and his Master of Sacred Music degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York, from which he later received the Unitas Distinguished Alumnus Award. A recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship, he also studied in Paris at the Sorbonne and during this time was a finalist at the Munich International Music Competitions. Hancock served as Organist at Second Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas; Assistant Organist at Saint Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York; Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church (now Christ Church Cathedral) in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Organist and Master of the Choristers at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City from 1971 to 2004.

Holy Week at Westminster

April 14 - Good Friday, 12:00 PM - Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross

Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music of Westminster, improvises on The Stations of the Cross, alternating with poems and readings about this most solemn day.

April 14 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Sermon: After Great Pain, Where Is God?

The Choirs of Westminster sing this solemn service on at 7:57 PM (sundown) in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 16

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Sermon: Seismic Shift; Matthew 28:1-10

8:15 AM: Worship with Communion in the Holmes Chapel

10:15 AM: Prelude by the Buffalo Brass Octet

10:30 AM: Worship with Brass, Choirs, and Organ, in the Sanctuary



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