



# Oakmont Presbyterian Church



Maundy Thursday  
April 1, 2021 ~ 7:15 pm

## Welcome to Oakmont Presbyterian Church!

*We are pleased to have you join us for worship this evening.  
So that you may feel at home with us, please note the following:*

\* - indicates those who are able, please stand

**Communion Instruction** - Tonight, our Worship Committee is providing a safe way to celebrate communion during the pandemic. At the time of communion, we will receive the bread and juice of communion in the cups you received when you entered the sanctuary. ***On each cup there are two removable tabs.*** Remove the top tab to expose a communion wafer. You may eat the wafer after opening the tab. After eating the wafer, remove the second tab to expose the grape juice. You may drink the juice after you open the second tab. Kindly dispose of your cup in the receptacles in the vestibules after worship.

Sadly, we were unable to secure gluten-free wafers for this service

Choral Prelude

*Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)*

*Live in charity and steadfast love,*

*Live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

Quartet

from Taizé, Jacques Berthier

*Ubi caritas et amor,*

*Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

Cantor:

*Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together.*

*May Your love, O Jesus Christ, be foremost in our lives.*

*Let us love one another as God has loved us.*

- Jacques Berthier

Welcome

Don Ewing

\*Opening Sentences

*Leader: We gather this night around the table,*

**People: where Jesus is both host and guest.**

*Leader: We gather to worship and serve the Lord,*

**People: the One who will stoop to wash our feet.**

\*Prayer of the Day

Don Ewing

- Congregation may be seated -

Hymn

Please join in singing, at home

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

Hymnal No. 94

*An upper room did our Lord prepare for those He loved until the end:*

*And His disciples still gather there, to celebrate their risen Friend.*

*A lasting gift Jesus gave His own: to share His bread, His loving cup.*

*Whatever burdens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.*

*And after supper He washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.*

*In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as He was sent.*

*No end there is! We depart in peace, He loves beyond the uttermost:*

*In every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.*

words: Fred Pratt Green

music: *O WALY WALY*/English Folk Melody - Harm. John Weaver

Prayer of Confession

Ronnie Bailey

**O Christ, You washed the feet of Your disciples and shared a meal with people who would betray You. As we prepare to share a meal with You, we ask Your forgiveness, O Lord, for the ways we have betrayed You. We, too, have denied Your presence. We, too, have let fear stand in the way of faith. We, too, have been selfish or greedy. We, too, are in need of Your grace.**

... Time for silent prayer ...

**O Lord, forgive us and empower us to follow Your lead in washing the feet of the world.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world.*

*In Christ we are forgiven and called to service.*

**Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Prayer for Illumination

Ronnie Bailey

Reading from the Prophet

Isaiah 58:6-7 (The Message)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Gospel

John 13:1-5, 12-15

Steve Wilson

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

*The Other Holy Night*

Steve Wilson

Ministry of Music

Quartet

*Lord of Lords, Adored by Angels*

Paul Bouman

*Lord of lords, adored by angels, is that You with towel and basin washing Your disciples' feet?  
Like the Twelve, we stare in wonder, Jesus, word of God eternal, do You stoop to wash ours too?*

*As You shed Your earthly garments, so You laid aside Your glory, so You shed Your life as well.  
Let the towel and the basin be the symbols of our service; let Your mind be in us all.*

*Moved by Your devotion toward us, honored to be called Your servants,  
we have joined You in Your way:  
Hesitant, we gird the towel, fill the bowl with cleansing Water, and begin to know Your joy.*

*Serving Savior, Model Servant, for the joy You set before us, make Your Way our history,  
Till we hear Your commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant,  
Come and share My joy with Me!"*

—Jaroslav J. Vajda

## The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Don Ewing

\*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Don Ewing and Steve Wilson

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Leader: It is our true and deep joy to give You thanks and praise, eternal God. For You bring forth bread from the earth and make the fruit of the vine to grow. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:*

\*Sanctus (people singing – at home)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,

hea - ven and the earth are full of your glo - ry, love, and light.

Bles - sed is the one who comes in your ho - ly name, O Lord.

Tune: REDHEAD 76 777777  
Richard Redhead, 1853

- Congregation may be seated -

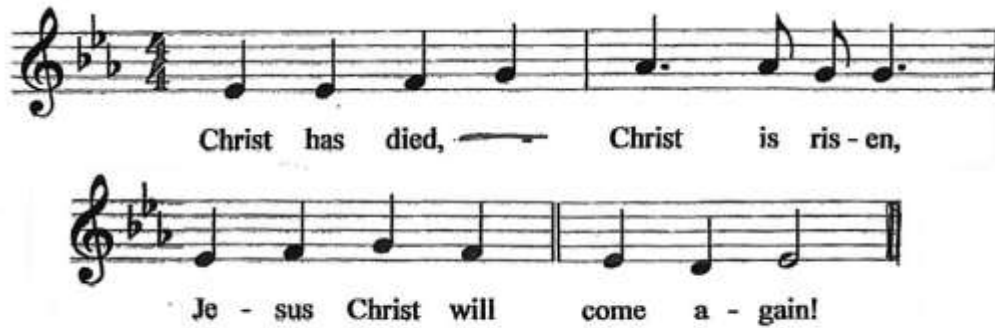
*In gratitude we praise You for Jesus Christ, our loving Savior, who lived among us in peace, revealing the good news of Your love by His kind ways and true words, by His suffering and service and steady faithfulness to Your purpose.*

*We remember tonight His last meal, shared with His closest of friends, in which He took the bread, and after giving thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them saying: Take and eat. This is My body. Do this remembering Me. And after supper, how He took the cup of wine and passed it among them saying: This is the sign and seal of a new covenant with God. Drink of it, all of you, remembering Me.*

*Remembering this holy night, O God, remembering all Your mighty acts of deliverance, we give You thanks for the salvation we know in Christ Jesus. 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. Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (people singing – at home)

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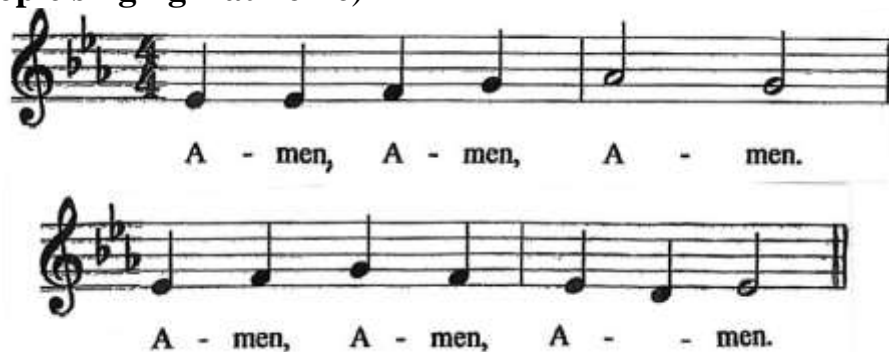


*We pray that His Spirit will move among us now, giving bread for strength and wine for gladness, blessing our common life and enlivening our witness.*

*And we offer ourselves anew as servants at His table – ready to take up towel and basin with Him, ready to wash and welcome and open doors, ready to love and serve in the world, in His name. Thanks be to You, O God, in Jesus Christ, by His Spirit.*

Great Amen (people singing – at home)

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*As our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:*

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

Music at Communion

Quartet

*Do This In Remembrance*

words and music: Allen Pote

*Eat this bread, drink of this cup, do this in remembrance of Jesus Christ.*

*Eat this bread, this bread of life, and drink of this cup, this cup of grace.*

*Here at this table we gather as one to celebrate the truth we believe.*

*We give thanks for new life in Jesus Christ, for the healing and peace we receive.*

*Eat this bread, drink of this cup, do this in remembrance of Jesus Christ.*

*Eat this bread, this bread of life, and drink of this cup, this cup of grace.*

*Do this in remembrance of Christ.*

Concluding Communion Prayer

Steve Wilson

*Holy God, we thank You for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world- because in Christ Jesus You have loved us. Amen.*

## Shadows Lengthen into Night

Quartet: *Sharing Paschal bread and wine as the daylight ebbs away,  
Friends at table join to dine. One of them will soon betray.  
Shadows lengthen into night.*

Scripture Reading - Matthew 26: 30, 36, 38-39

Quartet: *In a grove of olive trees underneath a darkening sky,  
Jesus warns as He foresees: Peter also will deny.  
In the garden, still and deep, those He asked to watch and pray,  
heavy-lidded, fall asleep, weary from the anxious day.  
Deeper in the garden's chill, Jesus kneels to pray alone,  
Wrestling with God's holy will, crying out, "Let it be done!"*

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 53:1-6

Quartet: *Shadows lengthen...into night.*

Scripture Reading - Luke 23:33-34, 44-46

Quartet: *While the web of darkness grows, Jesus suffers through His trial.  
As the herald rooster crows, Peter speaks his third denial.  
Shadows lengthen into night.  
Lifted high upon a cross, perfect love hangs pierced with nails.  
All creation grieves its loss, as the very sunlight fails.  
Shadows lengthen into night.*

A moment of silent meditation

Organ: *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

As you are ready, please depart in the silence of Good Friday.  
Our worship concludes on Easter.

**We Welcome Each of You** to Maundy Thursday worship. We pray this service will be meaningful to you and that it will enrich your celebration of the Resurrection.

**On Maundy Thursday** Christians commemorate Jesus' Last Supper when He broke bread and gave the cup to His disciples, initiating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. John's Gospel tells of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and giving a new commandment. The word, "Maundy", comes from the Latin, *mandatum*, meaning commandment. At The Last Supper, Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another". (John 13:34) At the end of their meal, we witness Jesus' agonized prayer in the garden of Gethsemane.

### ***Shadows Lengthen Into Night***

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2006

Music: *TENEBRAE* - Sally Ann Morris, 2006

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'This text is unusual among Passion hymns because it bridges a longer narrative than most, including the events from the Last Supper through the Crucifixion that are often treated separately. As the tune name, *TENEBRAE* suggests, this hymn could be used effectively in a Tenebrae service.' — quote taken from *Glory to God* Hymnal, ©2013 Westminster John Knox Press

### **The Quartet:**

Soprano – Shannon Meyers

Alto – Sally Haleen

Tenor – Doug Crist

Bass – David Geis

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Sunday, **April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter**, 8:30 & 11 am:

Steve Wilson preaching – *Our Easter Hope* based on John 20:1-18  
in-person worship, **limit 90 persons** each service  
Please call the church office to RSVP at 412-828-5770.

**Your OPC Family Cares About You!** Because there are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member (mstecik@oakmontpresby.org) so we may support you in your time of need. You are loved!

**Prayer Requests** - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: prayers@oakmontpresby.org or contact Carol Heimerich at 412-242-1028.

**Why not listen to Sunday morning (9:30 am) educational speakers?** Send Steve Wilson an email at swilson@oakmontpresby.org asking to be added to the zoom invitations.

**April 4** – Easter – No Adult Education

**April 11 and 18** – Leanna Fuller on Family Systems

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