



Maundy  
Thursday

*Sudbury United Methodist Church*

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 13, 2017**

*\*indicates worshipers may stand, as they are able.*

**Prelude:** “From God I Will Not Turn”

D. Buxtehude

**\*Call to Worship:** (*Daniel Benedict, USA, 21<sup>st</sup> cent., alt.*)

Liturgist: Tonight we continue our journey to the cross,  
remembering where our table manners came from.

**People: Tonight we tell the stories that make us God’s people,  
captives about to be freed from slavery and death.**

Liturgist: Tonight we are a people who stand on holy ground with dirty feet.

**People: Yes! But we are also cleansed by Water and the Word.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** UMH # 618 – “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**\*Prayer of Confession:** (*Daniel Benedict, USA, 21<sup>st</sup> cent., alt.*)

Liturgist: Let us declare our need of forgiveness and cleansing:

**People: Jesus, our feet are dirty from the journey.**

**We have not loved one another as you have loved us.**

**Callousness and violence stain us inside and out.**

**How will we become clean again?**

**We see your table there, but who will make us ready for the meal?**

**Where will we find water for these soiled soles?**

**We look to you, O Lord.**

**Help us. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Restore us. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, takes away the sins of the whole world.

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**People: Amen.**

**A Reading from the Scriptures:** Exodus 12:1-3, 6-7, 11-14

*This reading is found on page 58 in the Old Testament.*

**A Reading from the Scriptures:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

*This reading is found on pages 173-174 in the New Testament.*

**Special Music:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Burke

**\*A Reading from the Gospels:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*This reading is found on pages 107-108 in the New Testament.*

**Meditation:** “So Much for Servant Ministry”

The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells

*The vicar of St. Martin in the Fields preached this sermon in Duke Chapel in 2010.*

## Rite of Washing

*Stations have been prepared for foot-washing and hand-washing. In response to Christ's "New Commandment," worshipers may participate in this traditional Maundy Thursday rite as the congregation sings the following hymns:*

*FWS # 2213 – "Healer of Our Every Ill"*

*FWS # 2215 – "Cares Chorus"*

*FWS # 2216 – "When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise"*

*FWS # 2218 – "You Are Mine"*

## Prayers of the People

### Communion

**\*The Great Thanksgiving:** FWS # 2257 a, b, c, d

**\*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 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. Amen.**

### The Giving of the Bread and Cup

*("Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another" [UMH page 12]. At the invitation of the ushers, worshipers may join the line to receive a morsel of the gluten and lactose-free bread in their hands, dip the bread in the cup of grape juice, and partake of both. After communing, worshipers are asked to return to their seats by the side aisles.)*

**Music:** "Were You There?"

arr. H. T. Burleigh

**Prayer after Communion**

## The Rite of Stripping the Chancel

*This 7<sup>th</sup> century rite symbolizes the desolation and abandonment of Jesus by his disciples, the starkness of his cross, and the barrenness of his tomb.*

**A Reading from the Psalms:** UMH page 752-753 – Psalm 22:1-18 (*Response 1*)

*Here the altar furnishings are removed from the chancel in silence.*

**\*Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 488 – "Jesus, Remember Me"

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

*In keeping with the solemnity of this night, worshipers will depart in silence.*

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**Reconciling & Welcoming Statement:** The United Methodist Church is a community of believers and seekers, with differences in age, class, nationality, race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, abilities, and limitations. We at Sudbury UMC recognize that there are attitudes, concerning these diverse characteristics, which violate the integrity of individuals and deny the richness of God's creation. Therefore we affirm our welcome to all people into our community of faith. We are committed to be a fellowship in which all persons feel a part of our family, enabling them to grow in their faith, to be fed by our fellowship, and to contribute their talents to the life of the church in its worship, programs, and outreach. We call the church and society to be sensitive to all persons and to advocate programs which attempt to ensure justice for all.

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