

SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY



Maundy Thursday may include foot/hand washing and holy communion with stripping and washing the altar;
Good Friday may include washing the altar and holy communion.

WELCOME

THE COS JOURNEY

Winter term graduates share a few words (3 minutes each) about their journey –

John Carpenter

[Rob Pryor]

Janet Pratt

[Ryan Stroud]

MaryAnn Rufener

[David Tennant]

CALL TO PRAYER

Youngest person: Why is this night different from all other nights?

People: We remember the Passing over of Jesus.

Leader: We remember his new covenant from taking and blessing the bread and wine.

P: We remember his body given and his loved poured out for us.

L: We remember when he washed the disciples' feet.

P: We remember his night alone in the garden.

L: We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the friends who betrayed and denied him.

P: We remember this day and thank God for the promise of new life in Jesus.

***HYMN**

“What Wondrous Love is This”

UMH 292

CONFESSION & PARDON

We come to this night with empty hands confessing our sin... We come as guests, with nothing to offer. Christ will make us whole and set us free to serve others and follow him.

All: Most merciful God, we your Church confess that we have not always followed Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance & Pardon

He was called by many names. He said, 'do not cry for me, but for yourselves and for your children.' And because of him our sins are forgiven.

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHT

[John 1:9-11]

The light came into the world, but the world did not recognize him...

RESPONSE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

UMH 298 (v 1)

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

[Matthew 26:36-39]

All the items are usually taken from the altar at the end of the Maundy Thursday service or Palm Sunday or even at the beginning of the Good Friday service (depending on your service schedule). The empty altar shows the desolation and abandonment during Jesus' long night in Gethsemane... The altar remains bare until the first light of Easter morning.

RESPONSE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

UMH 298 (v 2)

The Cloth (the forgiveness)

Leader: Now take into your hands the cloth; feel the roughness; the coarse and uneven texture. These are the wounds, the scars and the secrets we carry in our hearts when we look at ourselves. On this Holy day we use this cloth and become part of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, offering a blessing and a healing to remind us that our forgiveness is complete.

Thanks be to God.

The Oil (the healing)

Leader: And now, there is oil: the gentle oil that makes for healing; the healing oil that makes for calming; the oil that mends our brokenness; the oil that soothes; the oil that bestows blessing; the oil of promise.

WASHING THE ALTAR

[John 13:3-5,34]

Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week were traditionally the days for "Spring cleaning" of the church... The washing of the altar recalls Jesus washing the disciples' feet... wine and water were poured on the altar and the priests would spread it over the altar then wipe it until it was dry while Psalm 22 was read.

This is a prayerful act, you may come forward to wash part of the altar and offer your prayer, bring your cloth and take it with you, leave carrying the sweet fragrance of knowing truly Jesus was the Son of God and through him our sins are forgiven.

Pouring oil on altar:

Leader: Come Lord Jesus,

All: Hear our prayers...

All come forward... Roses are strewn on the altar after it has been washed symbolizing the sweet fragrance of Jesus' love for us and the hope that awaits us on Easter morning; the lights are dimmed.

RESPONSE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH 298 (v 3-4)
The sound of hammering is heard.

Dismissal with Blessing

All may depart in silence, for the long prayer vigil through Holy Saturday.

Reference:

J. Robert Baker, Evelyn Kaehler, Peter Mazar, eds., *A Lent Sourcebook: The Forty Days*, Vol. I & II, (Chicago: Liturgy Training Pubs., 1990).

HOLY WEEK: PALM SUNDAY LEADS TO EASTER

Gathering Music
Welcome

[Matthew 21:1-11]

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus is coming, he is riding on a donkey.

OPEN THE GATES, OPEN THE ANCIENT DOORS.

Wave the branches, spread out your coats.

JESUS IS COMING! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

HYMN “ALL GLORY LAUD AND HONOR” UMH 280

A PRAYER OF WELCOME ON PALM SUNDAY

Lord Jesus, if only you would come to our city like you did to Jerusalem.

We have some great hymns to sing to welcome you.

Our guitars would be out to lead the singing,

We'd wave our scarves and dance.

You would get a real red carpet welcome – five star treatment.

There would be a real religious revival. It would be wonderful.

If only you would come here to our country to rescue us.

But in case you do, just one word of advice – stick to religion, but be careful.

Don't interfere with politics, or the economy, or big business, or poverty and homelessness and all that, and be careful not to make unpopular changes in the way we worship.

Save us from what might happen in the next life, too,

But leave us to do things our own way, the way we are used to in this life.

If you get it wrong, who knows? We might have to eliminate you too.

LEAD US INTO HOLY WEEK

We tell your story. We follow in your footsteps.

LEAD US INTO HOLY WEEK.

We walk towards the city. We wait in the garden.

LEAD US ONTO HOLY GROUND.

We journey towards death. We hope for resurrection.

LEAD US TO THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.

BLESSING

Lord in your mercy,

LEAD US INTO CLASS!

Source: readings from Eggs and Ashes, by Ruth Burgess & Chris Polhill

COSSO SPIRITUAL FORMATION
Saturday, March 14, 2020

AN EASTER CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION & EUCHARIST

Gathering & Welcome

****PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH 302***



****EASTER GREETING***

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Risen before the dawn. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Risen beyond all measure. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Risen to offer us peace. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: God has taken the sin of the world: the last laugh is God’s laugh. For peace comes beyond the cross, for friendship comes beyond betrayal, for life comes beyond the grave. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

****EASTER PRAYER***

Light of life, giver of all good things, through your story our stories unfold. In calling us to your life-giving table, you empower us for our work as your disciples, to heal the nations and feed your sheep. Brighten this day with your life-giving light, that we may meet you in the Risen Son. Amen.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE Genesis 12:1-10

MESSAGE “Go!”

Rev. Dr. E. Wray Bryant

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CHOIR ANTHEM “The Risen Christ”

(from Worship & Song 3179)

Lori Douglas Weaver, MEd, Music Director

CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Joon-Sik Park, COSSO Director

Responsive Reading

Director: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

Eternal God, by your grace you have brought us together in your Church, which is the body of Christ. Grant your continuing grace, we pray, to all who are called to leadership in your Church, that they may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill their ministries; and grant that we your people may follow where you lead and serve you faithfully in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presentation of Graduates

Director: Who are presented for graduation from the Course of Study?

COS Coordinator:

Grace Wallace

I present these candidates for graduation. They have completed all requirements for the Course of Study, as set by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry:

<i>John Carpenter</i>	<i>(East Ohio Conference)</i>
<i>Janet Pratt</i>	<i>(Western Pennsylvania)</i>
<i>Robert (Rob) Pryor</i>	<i>(Indiana)</i>
<i>MaryAnn Rufener</i>	<i>(East Ohio)</i>
<i>Ryan Stroud</i>	<i>(Indiana)</i>
<i>David Tennant</i>	<i>(West Ohio)</i>

Blessing & Anointing (*candidates kneel or stand for the blessing*)

Director: In the name of Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we celebrate your graduation from the Course of Study. We commend you to your ministry as a Local Pastor in The United Methodist Church and pledge our continued prayers.

Spiritual Director:

Rev. Dr. Rebeka Maples

May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide you, that in all things you may do God's will in service to the church, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

COS Coordinator:

Grace Wallace

Receive this certificate and gift for your graduation.

Laying on of Hands and Welcome

(all are invited forward to lay hands on the graduates or touch the person near you as a sign of our connection in the body of Christ)

COS Coordinator: Gracious God, we thank you for calling these faithful servants to be Local Pastors in your Church. We humbly place them in your care. Give them courage, patience, and vision, and bless them with caring communities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Director: And now, remember your call. Preach the Good News. Shepherd the flock of Christ. And in all things, give God the glory, now and always. And in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that you have graduated from the Course of Study.

***GRADUATION SONG**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

HOLY COMMUNION

(The Great Thanksgiving for Easter, BOW 66)

The Great Thanksgiving *(with responses UMH p 9)*

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *“He Lives”*
(accompanied by Dr. Bryant)

UMH 310

***BLESSING**

*(Graduation gifts are chalice and plate
made by Gail Russell, Peachblow Pottery, Sunbury, Ohio)*