

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 1ST, 2021

MAUNDY THURSDAY

WE APPROACH CHRIST'S SUFFERING

Prelude *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Hassler

Greeting: (Responsively)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: Amen.

Call to Worship:

L: On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

P: On this day, Christ gathered his disciples in the upper room.

L: On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

All: On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who has come so that we might have abundant life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

First Reading: *The Last Supper* Luke 22:7-21

*Hymn: "Rock of Ages" (vv.1,2) (see insert)

Second Reading: *The Garden of Gethsemane* Luke 22:39-53

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we know that we are never separated from our fallible humanness that brought you to the cross. We are part of the stumbling world that has pushed you to this time of trial and pain. Even though you will not fail us as you prepare this last meal with your disciples, we will continually fail you. We are those who stand by and watch as your truth struggles for life. We are those who turn away in fear as you call us to follow. We are those who will deny you in the face of cultural pressure that surrounds us, as did Peter. O God forgive us, for we know not what we do, for we ask and pray in the name of your Son, Jesus, who will take upon himself the burden of our sin. Amen.

(Prayer of Confession continues in silence)

Words of Assurance

*Passing of the Peace:

Leader: ... The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Third Reading: *The Trial of Jesus & Peter's Denial* Luke 22:54-71

Music Ministry "Near the Cross" solo – Justin Dimbeng

Fourth Reading: *Jesus Before Pilate* Luke 23:1-5,13-25

*Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #167

WE COMMUNE WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Fifth Reading: *Jesus' Crucifixion* Luke 23:26-43

*Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"(vv.1-3) #161

Meditation

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

WE RESPOND TO CHRIST'S PASSION

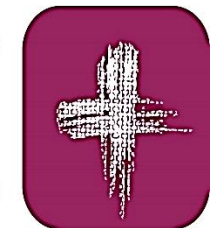
Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sixth Reading: *Jesus' Death and Burial* Luke 23:44-56

*Closing Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #168

Stripping of the Sanctuary (See Back Cover)





Stripping the Sanctuary

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

**Oftentimes the service for Maundy Thursday concludes
With the stripping of the sanctuary, which is done in**

Silence and in an unhurried fashion.

The practice dates from the seventh century and

**Originally served the practical purpose of
Cleaning the sanctuary in preparation**

For Easter, when all things are made new.

In time, however, the practice became

Ceremonial in its own right.

In silence and in shadows,

Communion vessels, tablecloths,

Pulpit and lectern hangings, banners,

Candles, and all other decorative and

Liturgical objects are quietly removed

As a symbol of the desolation, abandonment,

And darkness of the passion and death

Of our Savior and Lord.

On this night, Jesus was stripped of his

Power and glory and soon will

Be handed over to his captors.

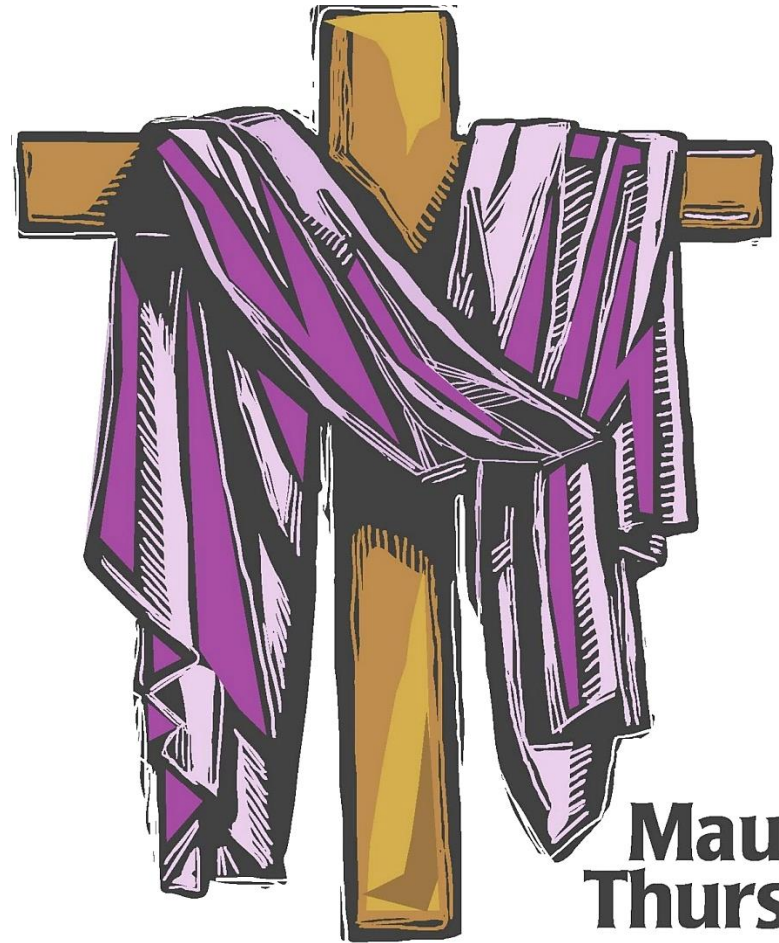
Thus, we end our service this evening

Without blessing or benediction

As we prepare our hearts and minds

To follow Jesus

In the passion of the Christ.



**Maundy
Thursday**

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7:30PM