

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
Maundy Thursday
April 9, 2020 | 7:00 p.m.



WELCOME TO FAIRLAWN! We are glad to have you join us even as we worship in various locations today. **MAUNDY THURSDAY** derives its name from the Latin term *mandatum*, which is a translation of the word “command.” On this night, Jesus instituted what we know as “The Lord’s Supper” during the Passover meal. Following the meal, Jesus taught his disciples saying, “A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you love one another” (John 13:34–35). We remember this command on what has become known as Maundy Thursday. Normally we would share in the table which the Lord has given us, but this year, the Elders have decided to postpone our celebration of Communion until we can gather in person as a community once again. All members are encouraged to eagerly anticipate the time when we may come together around the Lord’s table.

WATCH THE SERVICE• Our service each week will be live streamed on [Fairlawn’s YouTube channel](#). DVD copies of the service may be requested through the church office. Watch the service on Northbridge Community TV (Cable Channel 191, Roku, and Apple TV) on Mondays at 10 a.m.

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PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

Concluded with:

[Based on Psalm 118:29](#)

We give you thanks, Lord, for you are good; your love endures forever.

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

And in your love answer, for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship:

[Based on John 13:34](#)

Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

[PH 384](#)

God's Greeting

[Galatians 1:3-5](#)

Prayer of the Day

O God, your love was embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, to whom be glory now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

[1 John 1:8-9](#)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, merciful Father: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

Response: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended"

[PH 386](#)

Assurance of Pardon:

Based on [John 14:27](#), [16:33](#)

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading:

[Psalm 143](#)

Sermon: *God's Rescue*

Hymn: "The Power of the Cross"

1. Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.
*This, the power of the cross:
Christ became sin for us,
Took the blame, bore the wrath:
We stand forgiven at the cross.*
2. Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin;
Every bitter thought,
Every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.
Chorus
3. Now the daylight flees,
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life;
'Finished!' the victory cry.
Chorus
4. Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death,
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.
*This, the power of the cross:
Son of God, slain for us.
What a love! What a cost!
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

God's Will for Our Lives:

[John 13:1–15](#)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Ahadi Family Kenya

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Words of Dismissal based on [Luke 22:14–16](#) and [Matthew 26:39–49](#)

Doxology: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” [PH 625](#)

Benediction: [II Thessalonians 3:18](#)

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