

APRIL 1, 2021



MAUNDY *Thursday*

GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Get Prepared For Virtual Communion

This Thursday In Worship!

This Thursday we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper digitally during Virtual Church. Here's how it will work and here is how you can prepare:

- **Gather your own communion elements from around your home ahead of worship Thursday evening.** Jesus chose common foods of his day for the first communion: bread and "fruit of the vine". What common starch do you have available? In countries around the world, the commonly available starch is tortillas and rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so we might need to be creative.
- Please: in preparing for communion and choosing your elements, do so thoughtfully and with reverence for the sacrament we will share.
- **I will lead liturgy as we are used to.** Since we are gathered for worship as a community in the way that is possible for us right now, my prayers will serve as a blessing for all of our elements.

It's a joy to share to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather at Jesus' table!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Patrick

Geneva Presbyterian Church

April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm

The Gathering

(Welcome to Virtual Church with Geneva Presbyterian Church! We are honored to worship together with you today and grateful we can gather in this way as the Body of Christ. There will be opportunities for responsive readings and sharing prayer requests during worship; please mute and unmute yourself as directed by the worship leaders. The same goes for singing hymns: your microphone will be turned off, so make a joyful noise and sing with all your heart!)

Prelude

Opening Words

Prayer of the Day

Silence and Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious

People: slow to anger and abounding in love.

Leader: This is our new commandment in Christ:

All: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.

Opening Hymn

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

#275

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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we turn from your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in faith. God Of The Ages, hear us as we pray to you now in silence...

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives. Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Exodus:12:1-4, 11-14

Anthem

"God So Loved The World"

John Stainer

Second Reading

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Sermon

"An Uncomfortable Family Dinner"

Rev. Patrick McElwaine

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Stripping Of The Church

The Stripping of The Church is an ancient practice meant to reflect Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane. As we remove the visual elements of worship from our sanctuary, we evoke symbolically that Christ, our Paschal Lamb, is now in the hands of his captors.

For now, all that remains is a rough wooden cross. Our worship space will "come alive" again on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

We will depart worship this evening in silence. Worship continues tomorrow with our Good Friday service at 12:00pm.



About the Music...

Each hymn has a hymn tune and some hymns have one singular text set to multiple hymn tunes. Our hymn tune name for this evening is EVENTIDE. According to some sources, William H. Monk (PHH 332) wrote EVENTIDE for Lyte's text in ten minutes. As the story goes, Monk was attending a hymnal committee meeting for the 1861 edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern of which he was music editor. Realizing that this text had no tune, Monk sat down at the piano and composed EVENTIDE.

The anthem comes from an oratorio, *The Crucifixion: A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer*, composed by John Stainer in 1887. It is scored for organ, SATB choir, and features solos for bass and tenor. He intended for the piece to have congregational participation by including five hymns. Stainer was characterized the work as "rubbish" though it is one of the most performed pieces during Holy Week today.



A BLESSED EASTER

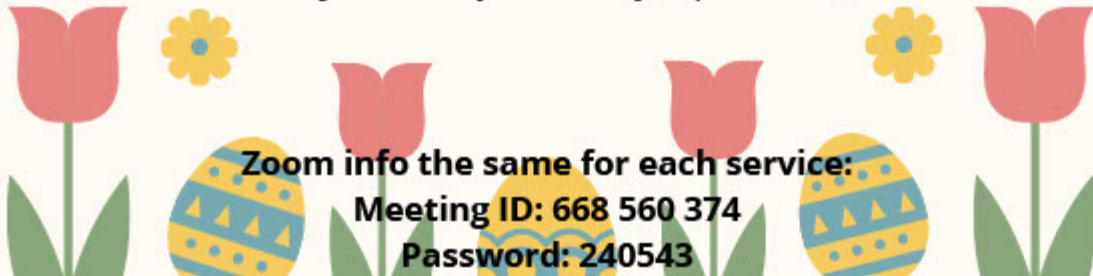
Celebrate the Easter season with
Geneva Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday Worship - Sunday, March 28th @ 10:30am

Maundy Thursday Worship - Thursday, April 1st @ 7:00pm

Good Friday Worship - Friday, April 2nd @ 12:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 4th @ 10:30am



Zoom info the same for each service:

Meeting ID: 668 560 374

Password: 240543

- **Pastor Patrick on Vacation**

Pastor Patrick will be on vacation April 5 – April 11. If you have a pastoral need during this time please contact your Deacon. Many thanks to Sara Sadler for leading worship on April 11!

