Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the great Easter celebration. The word “maundy” is said to be derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, the first word of the Latin phrase, “Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos” (“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you”), the statement used by Jesus in John’s gospel to explain the significance of washing the disciples feet. Maundy Thursday is also the night that Jesus ordained the Lord’s Supper with the words, “Do this in remembrance of me.” As a way to remember that night, tonight’s worship includes the Stripping of the Altar. In this solemn ceremony all the worship articles and adornments are removed from the altar. This symbolizes both the suspension of Holy Communion, which is not celebrated on Good Friday, and the abandonment and humiliation of Jesus Christ.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE
   Improvisation on *Ubi caritas*

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 290
   Go to Dark Gethsemane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)
   God of grace, you have come to us in our Savior Christ; but we have reviled him, denied him, even betrayed him with a kiss. We have not faithfully followed his commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Through this bread and wine reveal your love, which is constant in the face of our infidelity. Restore us by the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*THE PEACE
   (All stand and exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
   God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (page 56 in the pew Bible)
   Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
   People: Thanks be to God.

*PSALM—Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (page 837-38 in the hymnal)

*GLORIA
   Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
   People: and to the Holy Spirit;
   Leader: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
   People: world without end. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (page 63)
   Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
   People: Thanks be to God.
*Gradual Hymn 628
Eat This Bread
(Bertier)

(Go to the Gospel Procession.)

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Sermon

Response

Offertory
O sacrum convivium
(Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992))

O sacrum convivium in quo Christus sumitur, recolitur memoria passionis ejus, mens impletur gratia, et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia!

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is recalled, the mind is filled with grace, and the pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia!

*Doxology (sung to the tune of “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thanksgiving and Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving
(Page 23 in the hymnal. The congregation sings the responses.)

*The Lord’s Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sharing of the Bread and Wine
All those who have become members of Christ’s body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their neighbor are invited to receive communion. Wine is used for communion. The tradition as understood at Duke Chapel is that the Holy Spirit makes Christ fully present in both the bread and the wine. If you receive only the bread, be assured that you are nonetheless in full communion with Christ and the Church.

Music During Distribution

Hymn 627
O the Depth of Love Divine
(Stookey)
ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)


Where charity and love are, there is God. The love of Christ has gathered us and made us one. For this let us exult and rejoice. Let us fear and love the living God, and with true hearts let us love one another. Amen.

*THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR AND DRAPING OF THE CROSS

Once the ministers have departed, the people depart in silence.

*All who are able may stand.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Canon Dr. Samuel Wells
The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

Preacher

The Rev. Craig Kocher

Lectors

Ms. Claire Dietrich
Trinity ’07

Mr. Joel Boggan
Duke School of Medicine ’08; Member, The Congregation at Duke Chapel

Cantor

Ms. Kristen Blackman

Choir Director

Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

Organist

Dr. David Arcus
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

April 6
Good Friday
11:30 a.m. Procession of the Stations of the Cross beginning on the Chapel steps
12:00 noon Service of Good Friday The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells
1:00-3:00 p.m. Meditative organ music
7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae (Darkness)* The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

April 7
Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m. Catholic Easter Vigil
10:30 p.m. Protestant Easter Vigil

April 8
Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service The Rev. Craig Kocher (Duke Gardens)
9:00 a.m. University Service of Worship with Holy Communion The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells
11:00 a.m. University Service of Worship The Rev. Dr. Sam Wells
11:00 a.m. Catholic Mass for Easter (Page Auditorium)

*Because silence will be observed in this service, a limited capacity nursery will be available for children under 6.

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