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Thursday

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Get Prepared For Communion When Worshiping online!

Today we will be sharing the sacrament of The Lord's Supper during worship. Here's how it will work and how you can prepare if you are worshiping with us online:

- **Gather your own communion elements from around your home.** 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 may be tortillas or rice, so those are used. What beverage feels right for you to use? Not everyone has juice in the home, so you 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.
- **Our blended community of online and in person worshipers is gathered together in holy space and on holy ground.** The liturgy and prayers will serve to consecrate all of our elements into one common meal at the Lord's Table.

It is a joy to share the Lord's Supper together – let us gather in remembrance of Jesus who is the Eternal Host at this table.

With Grace and Peace,
Pastor Patrick

Geneva Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2023

Maundy Thursday

7:00pm

Childcare is available in a downstairs classroom -- please ask an Usher for help.

The Gathering

Welcome to worship with Geneva Presbyterian Church! Whether you're joining us online or in person, we're glad you're here and grateful to be gathered as a community united in Christ. This is your spiritual home -- we encourage you to sing, pray, and be yourself just as God made you in this holy space.

We greet with open arms and open hearts guests and new church members across the full diversity of life, including differences in sex, gender identity, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, range of abilities, marital status, family structure, financial means, and education.

No matter who you are, you are welcome here and we hope you will feel home at Geneva.

Prelude

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Kurt Kaiser

Toby Morris, cello

Opening Words

Prayer of the Day

Moment of Contemplation

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

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

Special Music

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”
Toby Morris, cello

Timothy Shaw

Second Reading

John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Meditation

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

“In Remembrance of Me”

#521

(Lyrics on Next Page)



LORD'S SUPPER

521 In Remembrance of Me

Capo 3: (G) (Bm) (C) (D7)
 B^b Dm E^b F7

1 In re - mem - brance of me, eat this bread. In re -
 2 In re - mem - brance of me, heal the sick. In re -

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)
 E^b Cm F F7 Gm

mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of
 mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of

(C) (F) (D) (G) (Bm)
 E^b A^b F B^b Dm

me, pray for the time when God's own will is
 me, o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors

1 2
 (C) (D7) (C) (D7) (G)
 E^b F7 E^b F7 B^b

done. in, let them in.

(E^b) (G) (E^b)
 G^b B^b G^b

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re -

(Cm) (G) (Em) (D)
 E^bm B^b Gm F

mem - ber too, that this is my bod - y and

This text is built on four familiar words of Christ at the Last Supper, as recorded in Luke 22:19 and 1 Corinthians 11:24-25. Radiating from that corporate memory of the church, additional actions are encouraged in Christ's voice using allusions to other passages of Scripture.

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LORD'S SUPPER

(C) (G) (A) (A7) (D7sus) (D7)
E^b B^b C C7 F7sus F7

pre - cious blood shed for you, shed for you.

(G) (Bm) (C) (D7)
B^b Dm E^b F7

3 In re-mem-brance of me, search for truth. In re-

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)
E^b Cm F F7 Gm

mem-brance of me, al-ways love. In re-mem-brance of

(C) (F) (D) (G) (D7sus) (D7)
E^b A^b F B^b F7sus F7

me, don't look a-bove, but in your heart, look for

(G) (D7sus) (D7) (G)
B^b F7sus F7 B^b

God. Do this in re-mem-brance of me.

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.