

Maundy Thursday Order of Service

First Parish in Concord

March 28, 2024

Prelude *Lenten Hymn Preludes*: – Eric Huenneke, organist

Holy Manna: “*We have met to worship*” by Robert J. Powell

St. Christopher: “*Beneath the Cross*” by Robert Hebble

Redhead 76: “*Go to dark Gethsemane*” by Robert J. Powell

Welcome – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Call to Worship adapted from Hans Holznagel – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Opening Hymn #1 *May Nothing Evil Cross this Door*

Chalice Lighting

Unison Response:

With faith to face our challenges,
with love that casts out fear,
with hope to trust tomorrow,
we accept this day as the gift it is:
a reason for rejoicing.

— Gary Kowalski

Reading: Mark 14:12-21

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, you invite us to root ourselves in your love and mercy. Instead, we chase the gods of money, prestige, convenience, and even our own egos. We hear your call to serve others, but this too impinges on our comforts and desires for ourselves. We have come to believe there is not enough and therefore, must hold on to what we have, ever grasping for more. We have forgotten that all things come from you. In you, there is more than enough. Forgive us our conceit, fear, and selfishness. Remind us that our lives find meaning in your presence and in service to others.

Silence

Assurance of God’s Love

Anthem *Ubi Caritas* by Jacques Berthier – First Parish Choir

Translation: Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Reading: Mark 14:22-25

Homily – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn #406 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Invitation to Communion**Distribution of Bread/Cup**

Bread, One Body by John Carter (piano)

Prayer of Thanksgiving**Passing the Peace**

Hymn #265 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

Closing Words & Benediction

Go out into the world in peace
Have courage
Hold on to what is good
Return to no person evil for evil
Strengthen the faint-hearted
Support the weak
Help the suffering
Honor all beings

Postlude *Hymn Prelude on "Vienna"* by Robert Hebble

We invite you to stay seated as our service concludes with the postlude.