



The Dover Church
Thursday, April 2, 2026 - 7:30 PM
Maundy Thursday

Welcome to The Dover Church. Sunday morning worship is perhaps the only occasion where people of all generations spend time together in the same public place. This is one of our great joys. Different ages worship in different ways. Some are bouncy and some are silent. We ask that everyone welcome each other and embrace these differences.

**A Service of Remembrance
The Last Supper and
the Abandonment of Our Lord**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

All are invited to join in speaking or singing when bolded words appear.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

INVITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

**Many: Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will
have the light of life.**

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me, and the light around me turn to night--"

Darkness is not dark to you, O God

The night is as bright as the day;
Darkness and light to you are both alike.

OPENING PRAYER & LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Gracious God, you give us the sun to illuminate the day and the moon and stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory, through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. **O gracious Light, pure brightness of the eternal Creator in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold your vesper light, we sing your praises, Holy God, One in Trinity. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Christ of God, O giver of life, and to be glorified through all the world.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more like your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HYMN

Eat This Bread

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

COMMUNION PRAYER

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and fruit of the vine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and fruit of the vine we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. Amen.

THE 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine that we might share in his very life. May we who have celebrated this sign of great love show in our lives his life in us. Amen.

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN **Go to Dark Gethsemane** 193

TENEBRAE: THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

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| FIRST READING | Shadow of False Innocence | Matthew 26: 20-25 <i>Julian Mack</i> |
| SECOND READING | Shadow of Hubris | Luke 22: 24-27 <i>Sabrina Hussar</i> |
| THIRD READING | Shadow of Denial | Matthew 26: 31-35 <i>Asher Tsen</i> |
| FOURTH READING | "Remove This Cup From Me" | Luke 22: 39-44 <i>Kacie Lin</i> |
| FIFTH READING | Shadow of Avoidance | Mark 14: 32-41 <i>Ham Hackney</i> |
| HYMN | Stay Here and Keep Watch <i>Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.</i> <i>Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.</i> | Jacques Berthier |
| SIXTH READING | "Father, the hour is come" | John 17: 1-6 <i>Dottie Rother</i> |
| SEVENTH READING | "That They May All Be One" | John 17: 15-22 <i>Lindie Wilson</i> |
| EIGHTH READING | Shadow of Betrayal | John 18: 1-5 <i>Linda Means</i> |

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| NINTH READING | Shadow of Violence | Luke 22: 47-53 <i>Beth Benjamin</i> |
| HYMN | When I Survey The Wondrous Cross | 202 |
| TENTH READING | Shadow of the Third Denial | Luke 22: 54-62 <i>Connie Sweeney</i> |
| ELEVENTH READING | Shadow of Mockery | Luke 22: 63-71 <i>Bill Barrett</i> |
| TWELFTH READING | Shadow of the Cross | Mark 15: 16-20 <i>Amy Barnett</i> |

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

LAY LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

DEACON ON DUTY: Amy Barnett

Holy Week Services:

April 5

Easter Sunday - Two Services

9:00 AM Traditional Service with Brass Quintet

Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt at **10:00 AM**

11:00 AM Traditional Service with Brass Quintet

Child care will be available at the 9:00 AM service.