



Remember Me

**Welcome to St Peter's UCC Livestream Virtual Worship Service!** Subscribe to our **YouTube Channel** to catch a new service at 10 am each Sunday! We also share a **podcast** weekly on our website of the scripture readings and sermon. The podcast can also be found on most podcast catchers & platforms, under "The Redheaded Preacher." Give us a like and 5-star rating to help others find us!

**Open Holy Communion.** We have communion the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and we invite all Christians and seekers after God to partake of the Lord's Supper with us regardless of denominational background. To participate from home, please have a small cup of juice, wine, or other beverage you are comfortable with, and a piece of bread with you. When Rev. Lanford prompts us to "take and eat" (and "drink"), then we will all do so - physically separated, but together in spirit.

**Who We Are.** St. Peter's is an Open and Affirming congregation. We've been in the heart of downtown Skokie for over 152 years. We are a part of the United Church of Christ, which means we are passionate about our faith and open in our thinking. We believe in a Triune God who loves everyone, regardless of gender identity, orientation, race, status, or physical or mental ability, and we **welcome all people** to share worship, membership, marriage, baptism, funeral, and fellowship with us.

**Attendance.** We would like to get to know you better, too! If you are comfortable doing so, please put your first name and last initial in the comments section under the video, and where you are watching us from!

**Donations.** We have several options for giving, and your donation helps support our church and its various ministries. Now more than

ever, every contribution (large or small) is important to keep us going:

- **Text Your Gift.** Text the amount you want to donate to **844-997-2346**.
- **PayPal.** Visit [PayPal.me/stpeteruccskokie](https://www.paypal.me/stpeteruccskokie) Uncheck the "Paying for Goods or Services" box to not pass on the fees to St Peters.
- **Vanco Give+ App.** Download the Vanco GIVE+ app from **iTunes** or **Google Play**, put in the church's zip code 60077 and select St. Peter's from the drop down. Set up an account with a password (or process as a guest), select your donation frequency, amount, and add payment info. There is also an option here to offset the processing fee.
- **Mail a Check.** We are collecting mail daily, and depositing regularly throughout the week.

**Contact Us.** You can email us – we are accessing email from home during the Shelter-in-Place order. Or call and leave a voicemail, we are picking up messages regularly while we are not in the building. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for daily updates and messages, and check our website for additional details, weekly announcements, and more.

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**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR**  
**Maundy Thursday,**  
**April 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

**WELCOME GUESTS**

\*Indicates all who are able are invited to stand

**PRELUDE:**

"Darkness from "Two Gethsemane Meditations,"  
by Phil Lehenbauer

**THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor:                   The Palm Sunday procession is long  
over.

***Congregation: The air is light at first with  
Passover, then hangs heavy and  
thick.***

P: We are always face-to-face with ourselves this night, with these stories.

**C: *God, bring these hard lessons home to us, for we need to be remade!***

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

**O God, even now, we feel the darkness gather as we tell the stories of the Last Supper and your time in the Garden of Gethsemane. A sense of loneliness and foreboding hangs in the air. We want to believe we would not have abandoned you in your time of need had we been with you. But in our hearts, we know our behavior would not have differed from that of the disciples.**

**We know this because we still turn away from you when it is expedient. We put other things before our commitment to you and fail to heed your command to serve others. Forgive us for not being more faithful. Forgive us when we are reluctant to share the Good News of the gospel, worried more about offending someone than offering them hope. In this time before Easter, help us to reflect and remember what your persecution and death mean to us. May we be prepared to greet Easter with a sense of awe and a renewed commitment to a new life in you. In the matchless name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“Also after supper Jesus took the cup, saying ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins.’”

Friends, God is more ready to forgive than we are to confess.

God is more loyal to us than we are to God.

In Jesus Christ, given even broken for us, our sins are forgiven.

There is a new covenant of grace, accompanied by the Holy Spirit to bind us into it! In claiming the stunning good news of reconciliation and forgiveness, let the congregation say . . .

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**



**\*HYMN:**

**"Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

**#144 (v. 1)**

**144**

JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1820

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REDHEAD 76 (AJALON)  
RICHARD REDHEAD, 1853

*Rather slowly*

1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, Ye that feel the tempt - er's power;  
 2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of life ar-raigned;  
 3. Cal-vary's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; There, a - dor - ing at His feet,  
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb, Where they laid His breath - less clay;

Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;  
 O the worm-wood and the gall, O the pangs His soul sus-tained!  
 Mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own Sac - ri - fice com-plete;  
 All is sol - i - tude and gloom, — Who hath tak - en Him a - way?

Turn not from His griefs a-way, Learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 Shun not suf-fering, shame, or loss; Learn of Him to bear the cross.  
 "It is fin - ished!" hear Him cry; Learn of Je - sus Christ to die.  
 Christ is risen! He meets our eyes! Sav - iour, teach us so to rise. A-MEN.

**SCRIPTURES**

**Epistle:**

1st Corinthians 11:23-26

Read by Marlene Russell

**Gospel:**

Mark 14: 32-45, 66-73

Read by Rich Schneider, Rev. Lanford

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** "Ah, Holy Jesus"  
by Thomas Keesecker

**HOMILY** "In the Garden, In the Courtyard"

**SILENCE**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer (debts')

The Words of Institution

Participation



\*HYMN: "'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow" # 145 (vv. 1, 2)

145

WILLIAM B. TAPPAN, 1822

L. M.

OLIVE'S BROW  
WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1853

*Rather slowly*

1. 'Tis mid - night; and on Ol - ive's brow The star is  
 2. 'Tis mid - night; and, from all re - moved, The Sav - iour  
 3. 'Tis mid - night; and, for oth - ers' guilt, The Man of  
 4. 'Tis mid - night; from the heaven - ly plains Is borne the

dimmed that late - ly shone: 'Tis mid - night; in the gar - den now  
 wres - tles lone with fears; E'en the dis - ci - ple that He loved  
 Sor - rows weeps in blood; Yet He, who hath in an - guish knelt,  
 song that an - gels know; Un - heard by mor - tals are the strains

The suf - fering Sav - iour prays a - lone.  
 Heeds not His Mas - ter's grief and tears.  
 Is not for - sa - ken by His God.  
 That sweet - ly soothe the Sav - iour's woe. A - MEN.

## THE VEILING OF THE CROSS

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (Please depart in silence)

**\*POSTLUDE:** "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

by Jean Cotter

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FOR WORSHIP TONIGHT

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MINISTER

Rev. Richard Lanford

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ben Westphal

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Welcome to this abbreviated hybrid service for  
Maundy Thursday at St. Peter's U.C.C.**

**About Communion:** If you are joining us at home, the prayer of consecration extends to all who participate wherever you are and whenever you partake of the service (thank You, Holy Spirit!). When prompted, please take whatever bread you have set aside for yourself and anyone with you, take and eat as prompted; when it's time for the cup, please do the same with whatever you have put in your cup at home. This is also how we shall celebrate Holy Communion on Resurrection / Easter Sunday. All who love the Lord and seek to follow Him are invited to share in the sacrament regardless of denominational background.

**Don't forget - we're handing out Easter-egg bags for at-home-Easter-egg-hunts for the families of our church members and friends, and for our community at large!** Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this outreach! Jen S. will be at the building tomorrow morning from 9:30 to 11:00 AM to hand out these bags safely!"

**Our Holy Week services continue tomorrow** with a virtual, livestreamed, and partially-in-person (rsvps needed per the Bulletin / Quarantine Weekly email) Good Friday service of the Seven Last Words. On our YouTube channel, the service will be available to watch at 7:00 PM, and any time an hour after that.

**Resurrection Sunday worship service** will be at 10:00 AM this coming Sunday, April 4th! This is also a hybrid, max-40-in-person-here, rsvp, plus livestreamed, service.

**Thank you to all** who ordered Easter flowers!

**Anyone in-person who is willing to stay afterward** and help Pastor bring down the purple cross cloth and put up the one for tomorrow, please do so!

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**SCRIPTURES FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY 2021**  
**FIRST CORINTHIANS 11:23-26**

Paul wrote, "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**MARK 14:32-42**

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.

And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

### **MARK 14:66-72**

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed.

And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.