



**THE PASSION OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Maundy Thursday

Father, in Your plan of salvation, Your Son Jesus Christ accepted the cross and freed us from the power of the enemy. May we come to share the glory of His resurrection, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 21, 2011

7:00 pm

Tonight we have come to worship the Savior Jesus Christ, with particular attention given to His suffering and death. The contemplation of Christ crucified has a two-fold effect in the life of the believer: sorrow for sin but thanksgiving for the forgiveness of sin. The tension produced by these emotions can be overwhelming or confusing. This service is designed to harmonize the two, teaching us again that we can not have one without the other.

The service is divided into four parts. Beginning with a corporate confession of sin, Part One moves us briefly through several passion scenes, incorporating a New Testament reading, a related Psalm reading, a corporate prayer, and a grateful musical response. The Psalms have been chosen because of the distinct ways they typify the life of our Lord, and these scenes in particular. It is helpful to remember that the Psalms have essentially a three-fold connection with Jesus Christ: He is first the Author of the Psalms; second, during His life on earth He prayed and sang the Psalms; third, as the Messiah He is the prophetic fulfillment of the Psalms.

During Part Two of the service we will give attention to the reading and preaching of God's Word as our pastor expounds Christ's words from the cross, "It is finished."

Part Three is the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Today is referred to as "Maundy Thursday." Traditionally the Maundy Thursday service marks three significant events: Jesus washing the disciples' feet, His institution of the Lord's Supper, and His new commandment to love one another. "Maundy" comes from the Latin phrase "mandatum novum," which means "new commandment," so, this is "New Commandment Thursday."

The service concludes with "Tenebrae," or the "service of darkness." As the choir sings an anthem based on Christ's prayer in Gethsemane "Thy Will Be Done," the lights in the sanctuary are slowly extinguished signifying Jesus' death and descent into the tomb. A brief reading from Psalm 88 follows before a single candle is lit, anticipating Christ's ultimate triumph over the grave.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Introit

“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

Bass

Chancel Choir

*Ask ye what great thing I know that delights and stirs me so? What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the crucified. What is faith's foundation strong?
What awakes my lips to song? He who bore my sinful load, purchased for me peace with God,
Jesus Christ, the crucified. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be? Who will
place me on His right, with the countless hosts of light? Jesus Christ, the crucified. This is
that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so: faith in Him who died to save, Him
who triumphed o'er the grave, Jesus Christ, the crucified.*

Opening Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

People: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

from Psalm 51

Minister: Men and women, moms and dads, children and grandparents, here the sobering yet comforting news of the gospel of Jesus Christ: He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous One, my Servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

from Isaiah 53

***Hymn of Adoration No. 263 “Lift High the Cross”**

CRUCIFER

***Prayer of Adoration**

Gethsemane

Reader 1:

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And He said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with Me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done." (from Matthew 26)

Reader 2:

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For You will not abandon My soul to Sheol, or let Your Holy One see corruption. You make known to Me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:5-11)

People: Our Father, fix our eyes on Jesus, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Amen.

*Song of Praise

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect
strong, a per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I
Love who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
Am, the King of glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him -
gra - ven on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased with His
heart. I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
free. For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my
bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

Betrayal

Reader 1:

Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand." While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize Him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed Him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. (from Matthew 26)

Reader 2:

Be not silent, O God of my praise! For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues. They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause. In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer. So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love. (Psalm 109:1-5)

People: O Christ, we praise You that even though we were your enemies, You offered Your life freely for us. Help us to recognize the full extent of our sin, but then cause us to see that where our sin abounded, Your grace has abounded all the more. Amen.

***Hymn of Assurance No. 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"**

HYFRYDOL

Stanzas 1, 2 and 5

Trial

Reader 1:

The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said." When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how You answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?" (from John 18)

Reader 2:

I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as You know, O LORD. I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness from the great congregation. (Psalm 40:8-10)

People: O Great Judge of men, we live in a world that continually puts You and Your Word on trial. We hear Your words and don't believe; we see our situations and don't trust. Mercifully stop our mouths and grant that we too may dwell on Your faithfulness. Amen.

Hymn No. 500

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

Stanzas 1 and 3

Execution

Reader 1:

And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him. And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" (from Matthew 27)

Reader 2:

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel! (from Psalm 22)

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

"My Song Is Love Unknown"
Chancel Choir

Childs

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? Sometimes they strew His way and His sweet praises sing; resounding all the day Hosannas to their king. Then "crucify" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry. Why, what has my Lord done to cause this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, and gave the blind their sight. What injuries! Yet these are why the Lord most high so cruelly dies. Here might I stay and sing of Him my soul adores. Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Yours! This is my Friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend. My song is love.

***Scripture Reading**

John 19:28-30

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth.³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Meditation

Mr. Davis

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up unto the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

People: Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name; evermore praising You, and saying: "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest."

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing**

The Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

The Communion

*Please come forward as directed to receive the elements;
and partake of each when served,
returning to your seat with your empty cup.*

During the serving of Communion

Solo "Behold the Lamb" *Getty*
Charlotte Ball, *Soprano*

Hymn No. 252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *HAMBURG*

Anthem "God So Loved the World" *Stainer*
Chancel Choir
God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Hymn No. 247 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *PASSION CHORALE*

Tenebrae (*The service of darkness*)

Anthem "Thy Will Be Done" *Courtney*
Chancel Choir
Our cup was filled with darkness, our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself. My Father, let this cup pass from Me; yet not My will, O Lord, yet not My will, O Lord, but Thine be done. In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane, pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. My Father, let this cup pass from Me. Then they took our Savior and led Him to a tree; and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again!

Recitation of Psalm 88.1-12

Reader 2:

O LORD, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before You. Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry! For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength, like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom You remember no more, for they are cut off from Your hand. You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and You overwhelm me with all Your waves. You have caused my companions to shun me; You have made me a horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape; my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call upon You, O LORD; I spread out my hands to You. Do You work wonders for the dead? Do the departed rise up to praise You? Is Your steadfast love declared in the grave, or Your faithfulness in Abaddon? Are Your wonders known in the darkness, or Your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? (Psalm 88.1-12)

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4.10)

All depart in silence.

**The congregation stands.*

Scripture Readers

Dr. Mark Fulmer
The Rev. Patrick Lafferty

Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

Good Friday Noon Service

April 22, 2011

12:00 - 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary

The PCPC Chamber Choir and soloists will be singing
J. S. Bach's beautiful setting of Psalm 130 beginning at 11:35 am

lunch and fellowship in the south foyer following the service

Resurrection Sunday Services

April 24, 2011

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

three identical services

no Communion at the 8:00 am service this Sunday only