

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Maundy Thursday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Park Cities Presbyterian Church April 13, 2017 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday COMMUNION SERVICE

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, for ever and ever.

The Prelude

"Eclogue for Piano and Strings" Stephen Nielson, piano • String Orchestra Gerald Finzi

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, 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.

People:

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Colossians 1.19-20

*Hymn No. 247

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

PASSION CHORALE

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn No. 261

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

Responsive Prayer

The Rev. Chad Scruggs

Minister: Enlarge my heart, warm my affections, open my lips, supply

words that proclaim "Love lustres at Calvary."

People: There grace removes my burdens

and heaps them on Thy Son,

made transgressor, a curse, and sin for me;

Minister: There the sword of Thy justice smote the man, Thy Fellow;

People: There Thy infinite attributes were magnified,

and infinite atonement was made;

Minister: There infinite punishment was due,

and infinite punishment was endured.

All: Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy,

cast off that I might be brought in,

trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best,

stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, athirst that I might drink,

tormented that I might be comforted, made a shame that I might inherit glory,

entered darkness that I might have eternal light.

Musical Meditation

"Pilgrims' Hymn" Chancel Choir

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name To ask You, O God,

When we seek for the words to glorify You,

You hear our prayer;

Unceasing love, O unceasing love,

Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father,

And to the Son,

And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,

We breathe Your name,

And through all the days that follow so fast,

We trust in You;

Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,

Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever,

And unto ages and ages,

Amen.

Litany of Confession

Minister: Merciful God, we have not loved You

with all our heart and mind and strength and soul. (Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: We have not loved our neighbors as You have taught us. (Silence)

Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: We are indifferent to the saving grace of Your Word and life.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Forgive and heal us by Your steadfast love made known to us

in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

Hear what comforting words the Lord says to all who repent and come to Him: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. This is a true statement and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Mr. Scruggs

Musical Offering "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" from *Messiah* Chancel Choir

G.F. Handel

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows;
He was wounded for our transgressions;
He was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Isaiah 53.4-5

*Scripture Reading

Matthew 26.20-29

When it was evening, He reclined at table with the twelve.

- 21 And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."
- ²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?"
- ²³ He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me.
- ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."
- ²⁵ Judas, who would betray Him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."
- ²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."
- ²⁷ And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,
- ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Mark 14.26-36

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'
- ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."
- ²⁹ Peter said to Him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."
- ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."
- ³¹ But he said emphatically, "If I must die with You, I will not deny You." And they all said the same.
- ³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray."
- ³³ And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.
- ³⁴ And He said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."
- ³⁵ And going a little farther, He fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.
- ³⁶ And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Remove this cup from Me. Yet not what I will, but what You will."

Luke 22.43-46

And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him.

- ⁴⁴ And being in agony He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
- ⁴⁵ And when He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow,
- ⁴⁶ and He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

John 13.30

And it was night.

Sermon

"And It Was Night"

Mr. Davis

*Hymn of Preparation No. 248 "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" HERZLIEBSTER, JESU

*The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: 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

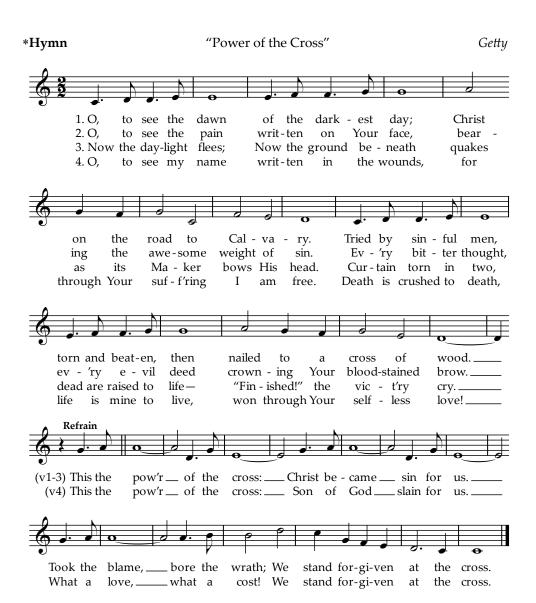
The Communion

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

"O Magnum Mysterium" String Orchestra • Chris Adkins, cello Ola Gjeilo

"Sing to Jesus" Alicia Ucciferri, solo Fernando Ortega



"Lord, Have Mercy" Chancel Choir • Steve Williamson, solo

Scott/Digesare

Silent Reflection

After the candle has been placed on the table, signifying the promise of resurrection and the victory of the Light of the world over death and the grave, please depart in silence.

*Please stand if you are able.

Maundy Thursday: The Thursday of Holy Week derives its name from the command Christ gave His followers to love one another (John 13.34) and "to wash" (Latin mundo), referring to Christ's washing the feet of the apostles. As the remembrance of our Lord's institution of the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday is almost universally celebrated with the Lord's Table.

Tenebrae, from the Latin meaning "shadows," refers to the gathering of shadows during the Passion of our Lord. Scripture reveals the fulfillment of prophecy—the Lamb of God, the Son of Man, becomes the final sacrifice for our sins.

We thank the following musicians for their participation in our service this evening:

String Orchestra

Violin I
Adrian DeCosta
Filip Fenrych
Jennifer Betz
Arthur Busby

Violin II
Sasha Adkins
Brittany Peterson
Shannon Bohall

Viola Rachel McDonald Emily Williams

Sterling Tyler

Bass

Julie Vinsant

Talon Davis

Cello Chris Adkins Abe Feder David Fray

Derek Stauff, organ
Stephen Nielson, piano
Brian Piper, piano
J. Marty Cope, conductor
Debbie Brooks, Musicians' Coordinator

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