

# THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Maundy Thursday

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 as the Lamb of God, the Son of Man, becomes the final sacrifice for our sins.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP April 9, 2020

7:00 pm

#### 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, for ever and ever.

The Prelude

"Andante" Stephen Nielson, piano • String Quintet Ola Gjeilo

Introit

"What Wondrous Love Is This" Southern Harmony
PCPC Men's Ensemble

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

#### Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to

the world.

Together: Blessed be our God for ever and ever. Amen.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down: did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **Prayer of Adoration**

# Corporate Prayer

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Enlarge my heart,
   warm my affections,
   open my lips,
   supply words that proclaim "Love lustres at Calvary."
There grace removes my burdens
   and heaps them on Thy Son,
     made transgressor,
     a curse,
     and sin for me;
There the sword of Thy justice smote the Man, Thy Fellow;
There Thy infinite attributes were magnified,
   and infinite atonement was made;
There infinite punishment was due,
   and infinite punishment was endured.
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.
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How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away As wounds, which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

#### A Plea for Mercy

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Minister: Merciful God, we have not loved You

with all our heart and mind and strength and soul.

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Together: Lord, have mercy.

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

(Silence)

Christ, have mercy.

Together: Christ, have mercy.

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

(Silence)

Lord, have mercy.

Together: 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.

Amen.

#### **Silent Confession**

# Assurance of Pardon

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."

Matthew 11.2

This is a true statement and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.15

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  $$_{\rm 1}$\,John\,1.9$$ 

#### **Musical Meditation**

# "And Can It Be" PCPC Men's Ensemble

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O, my God it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

Mr. Goebel

# **Scripture Reading**

John 15.1-11

- "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
- <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.
- <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
- <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.
- <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.
- <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
- <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Meditation

"I Am the True Vine"

Mr. Davis

**Musical Meditation** 

"Sing to Jesus" Brian Piper, vocalist/piano Fernando Ortega

The Decalogue Mr. Goebel

Privately consider the meaning of each Commandment as it is read.

Then God spoke these words saying,

You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet.

**Musical Meditation** 

"To See the King of Heaven Fall" Jennifer Barnes, vocalist Getty/Townend

Hymn

"The Power of the Cross"

Townend/Getty

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your blood-stained brow.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!: the vict'ry cry.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suff'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross. Son of God slain for us.

What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

#### Service of Tenebrae

Tenebrae ("shadows") signifies the three hours of darkness which covered the earth while Jesus hung on the cross as well as the literal darkness of the tomb.

"Lord, Have Mercy" Scott/Digesare
Steve Williamson, vocalist • Men's Ensemble

In peace we have come to pray and to seek the Lord today, for salvation from His hand, for the healing of our land. Let us pray, Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy for we have placed all our hopes in Thee.

For our sin, we repent, O Lord; we believe Your holy Word. Have mercy, Lord, we pray and take all our sins away. Kyrie, Christe, Lord have mercy. If You would mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand? Mercy, like a fountain, flows from Your hand!

### The Seven Last Words spoken from the cross

### **Candle Lighting**

The lit candle on the communion table signifies the promise of resurrection and victory of the Light of the World over death and the grave.

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

We thank the musicians for leading us in worship this evening:

Jennifer Betz, violin
Arthur Busby, violin
Lauren Menard, viola
Keira Fullerton, cello
Kirby Nunez, bass
Kelly Cornell, French horn
Reese Farnell, French horn
Jennifer Barnes, vocalist
Steve Williamson, vocalist
Brian Piper, vocalist/piano
Stephen Nielson, piano
Nathan Davy, organ
J. Marty Cope, conductor