

The Worship of God **Maundy Thursday**

April 14, 2022 at Noon

Order for the Worship of God

Please use this time to silently prepare and pray.

Music for Meditation

Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the sacrament of His body and blood; mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal; the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Call to Worship: Psalm 31.15-24, *Trinity Hymnal, page 795* The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 528

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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Prayer

Please be seated.

Musical Meditation

"Love Bade Me Welcome" Will Hughes, *vocalist*

Herbert/Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eye'd Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on Thee. Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I? Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste My meat: So I did sit and eat.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26.57-68; 27.11-23

Then those who had seized Jesus led Him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. 58 And Peter was following Him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put Him to death, 60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days," ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have You no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against You?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard His blasphemy. 66 What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spit in His face and struck Him. And some slapped Him, 68 saying, "Prophesy to us, You Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

^{27.11} Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹² But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to Him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against You?" ¹⁴ But He gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of Him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let Him be crucified!" ²³ And he said, "Why? What evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let Him be crucified!"

Meditation

"The King's Trial"

The Rev. Ron Williams

Silent Prayer

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 248

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Solemn Dismissal

Minister: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led Me to the judgment

hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked and beaten Me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given Me gall and left Me to

thirst; and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon

us. Lord, have mercy.

All depart in silence.