

The Worship of God Wednesday before Easter

April 5, 2023 at Noon

Order for the Worship of God

Please use this time to silently prepare and pray.

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Dr. Nathan Davy, harpsichord and portativ organ

Assist us mercifully with Thy help, O Lord God of our salvation; that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts, whereby Thou hast given unto us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship: Psalm 56, *Trinity Hymnal, page 8*05 The Rev. Robby Higginbottom

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 251

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Prayer

Mr. Higginbottom

Please be seated.

Musical Meditation

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. Gary Methany

Bryan Varenkamp, vocalist • Nathan Davy, organist

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.

Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

John 15.1-11

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

- ² 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.
- ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ 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.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.
- ⁹ As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love.
- ¹⁰ 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.
- ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Meditation

"The Vine"

The Rev. Dr. Pete Deison

Silent Prayer

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 254

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

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Solemn Dismissal

Minister: I gave you a royal scepter and bestowed the keys to the Kingdom, but

you have given Me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great

power, but 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.