

The Worship of God Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 at Noon

Order for the Worship of God

Please use this time to silently prepare and pray.

Music for Meditation

Mary Preston, 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. Paul Goebel

Please stand if you are able.

Hymn No. 252

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

Prayer

Mr. Goebel

Please be seated.

Musical Meditation

"Looking at the Cross"

Text: Newton Music: Higginbottom

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Robby Higginbottom, vocalist/guitarist • Luke Ferraguti, pianist

In evil long I took delight, unawed by shame or fear; Till a new object struck my sight and stopped my wild career. I saw one hanging on a tree in agonies and blood; Who fixed His languid eyes on me as near His cross I stood. Sure never till my latest breath can I forget that look; It seemed to charge me with His death though not a word He spoke. My conscience felt and owned the guilt and plunged me in despair; I saw my sins His blood had spilt and helped to nail Him there.

Alas I knew not what I did but now my tears are vain;
Where shall my trembling soul be hid? For I the Lord have slain.
A second look He gave which said, "I freely all forgive;
This blood is for your ransom paid; I died that you may live."

Thus while His death my sin displays in all its blackest hue; Such is the mystery of grace, it seals my pardon, too. With pleasing grief and mournful joy my spirit now is filled; That I should such a life destroy yet live by Him I killed.

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

John 16.1-15

"I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.

- ² They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.
- ³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor Me.
- ⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.
- ⁵ But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?'
- ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.
- ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.
- ⁸ And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

- ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;
- ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer;
- ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
- ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.
- ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.
- ¹⁵ All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

Meditation "The Helper" 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.