



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18, 2019



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

On Maundy Thursday, the Church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with His disciples before His arrest and crucifixion. It marks three key events during that time: His washing of the disciples' feet, His institution of the Lord's Supper, and His new Commandment to love one another.

As Jesus commands us to love another, let us always remember the amazing love He shows us, which He profoundly demonstrated that evening with His disciples. Jesus, the High King of Heaven, counts us not merely as His servants, but also as His friends. He showed us this by taking on the form of a servant to wash His disciples' feet. In the Passover meal He shared with His friends, celebrating God's great act of deliverance in the Exodus account, Jesus assumed the role of the Pascal lamb, declaring that it is through His sacrifice that man is truly delivered. Though He knew the horrors of what that would mean for Him, Jesus willingly submitted to the Father's will by going to the cross for our sakes. This is made clear when later in the evening in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done" (Luke 22:42).

Let us then, as we feast on the Word of God and at the Table of God, praise God for the amazing love He gives us, which is perfectly manifested in the willing sacrifice of His Son.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE:

"We Sit Down in Tears" from *St. Matthew Passion* J.S. Bach; arr. Gower
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:

"Jesus Paid It All" and "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Brant Adams
Stephanie Hancock, clarinet

CHORAL MEDITATION: "This Is the Night, Dear Friends"arr. Nathan Skinner

Words: Peter Abelard / Music: C. Hubert Parry; arr. Skinner / I Corinthians 11:23-26

This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
When pow'rs of darkness overcome the day,
The night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
Whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.

This night the traitor, wolf within the sheepfold,
Betrays himself into His victim's will;
The Lamb of God for sacrifice preparing,
Sin brings about the cure for sin's own ill.

This night Christ institutes His holy supper,
Blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
This night injustice joins its hands to treason's,
And buys for death the ransom of mankind.

This night the Lord by slaves shall be arrested,
He who destroys our slavery to sin;
Accused of crime, to criminals be given,
That judgment on the righteous judge begin.

O make us sharers, Savior, of Your passion,
That we may share Your glory that shall be;
Let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
To Easter's laughter and its liberty.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP George Robertson

◆HYMN OF WONDER: No. 252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"HAMBURG

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: Lowell Mason; arr. Metzger / Galatians 6:14

✦ INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

✦ FIRST GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 26:36-46

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane,
and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

**And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,
he began to be sorrowful and troubled.**

Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful,
even to death; remain here, and watch with me."

**And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying,
"My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me;
nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."**

And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping.
And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"

**Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."**

Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed,
"My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

**And again he came and found them sleeping,
for their eyes were heavy.
So, leaving them again, he went away
and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.**

Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
"Sleep and take your rest later on.

**See, the hour is at hand,
and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."**

✦ DOXOLOGY TALLIS' CANON

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

✦ GREETINGS

RECEPTION OF NEW YOUTH MEMBERS

James Alexander, Andrew Billions, Eleanor Bridgforth, Carter Campbell, Jack Cousins, Katie Craft, Sarah Catherine Donovan, Mary Abbott Elliott, Hannah Gail Flatt, Katie Frazer, Lilly Graham, Rowland Hayden, Harrison Hayden, Callie Hutton, Mary Johnston, Elizabeth Laughlin, Betsy Nearn, Brown Nickey, Max Painter, Taylor Patteson, Mallie Patton, Clyde Patton, Ella Rauls, Edwin Rawson, Parks Renovich, Margaret Roux, Elaina Santos, Barrett Sexton, Laura Grace Stafford, William Watkins, Charlie West, McCadden Wilbourn

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

HYMN OF PREPARATION:

"To See the King of Heaven Fall" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / Matthew 26:36-45

Stanza 1: Mary Grace Walters, soloist; Stanzas 2-3: Congregation

1. To see the King of heav-en fall in an-guish to his knees;
 2. To know each friend will fall a-way, and heav-en's voice be still,
 3. What took him to this wretch-ed place? What kept him on this road?

the Light and Hope of all the world now o-ver-whelmed with grief.
 for hell to have its venge-ful day up-on Gol-go - tha's hill.
 His love for A - dam's cur - sed race, for ev-'ry bro - ken soul.

What name-less hor - rors must he see, to cry out in the
 No words de - scribe the Sav - ior's plight — to be by God for -
 No sin too slight to o - ver - look, no crime too great to

gar - den: "Oh, take this cup a - way from me, yet
 sak - en till wrath and love are sat - is - fied, and
 car - ry, all min - gled in this poi - soned cup, and

not my will but yours; yet not my will but yours."
 ev - 'ry sin is paid, and ev - 'ry sin is paid.
 yet he drank it all; the Sav - ior drank it all.

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 27:32-44
(pages 834 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

HOMILY *If You Are the Son of God* Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshippers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members. Please note, all wafers are gluten free.

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Ave Verum" W.A. Mozart

Words and Music: Traditional Latin, 14th Century / John 1:14

Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, of the virgin Mary born;
On the cross Thy sacred body for us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side.
Feed us with Thy body broken, now in death's agony.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,
we confess that we have doubted Your amazing love,
and rather than desiring Your will,
we have been absorbed with our own.
Like Judas, we have betrayed You.
Like Peter, we have denied You.
Like the other disciples, we have forsaken You.
Forgive us for our rebellion and our indifference towards Your grace.
Have mercy on us, O God, Your weak and ashamed people.
Lead us once again to Your table
and renew us in Christ,
who is the Bread of Life and the Vine from whom we grow in grace.
It's in the matchless name of Jesus our Savior, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. II Corinthians 5:21

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymn printed in bold below.

"Behold the Lamb" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / Ezekiel 44:16

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us — and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you — eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you — drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond — and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

"Jesus Paid It All" ALL TO CHRIST

Words: Elvina Hall / Music: John Grape / Isaiah 1:18

I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me your all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" FOUNTAIN

Words: William Cowper / Music: Lowell Mason / Zechariah 13:1

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ALL TO CHRIST

Words: Elvina Hall / Music: John Grape / Isaiah 1:18

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

✦ BENEDICTION (*Please lift hands*)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Max Reger

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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