

First Presbyterian Church

5401 South Claiborne Avenue
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

Remembering Christ's passion | sharing at Christ's Table



6pm

Thursday, March 28, 2024

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Maundy Thursday Service
Service begins after the meal of soup and bread

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Writing in **bold** is for the congregation response.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

People: On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

Leader: On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

People: On this day, Christ our God gave us this holy feast.

Leader: That we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

HYMN 221 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." With confidence in that promise, let us pray the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we travel through the days of Holy Week this year, we turn our hearts from our current struggles to go back in time to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Confronted by the story of his great sacrifice for us, we face the reality of our own unworthiness. May we walk with our Savior on the journey to the cross. May we examine our own lives in these days, and find strength for the journey through his great love for us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on John 3:16-17)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN 227 (*sing twice*) “Jesus, Remember Me”

COMMUNION LITURGY:

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...
...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All sing:)

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord.

Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son,

Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...In remembrance of your mighty and merciful acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here...

...Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed (*p. 35 in Glory to God hymnal*)

The Lord's Prayer

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We thank you, holy God,
for giving us this meal, shared in the Spirit,
which sustains us with the food and drink of your life.
Grace our lives that we may at the last come to share
in the heavenly banquet of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Scripture readings begin on p. 822 in the pew Bibles, under the heading “The Passover with the Disciples.”

After each reading, all say:

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

The reader extinguishes one candle at the end of each reading.

The Passover with the Disciples	Mark 14: 12-31
Jesus Prays in Gethsemane	Mark 14: 32-50
Jesus Before the Council	Mark 14: 53-72
Jesus Before Pilate	Mark 15: 1-15
The Soldiers Mock Jesus	Mark 15: 16-32
The Death of Jesus	Mark 15: 33-41
The Burial of Jesus	Mark 15: 42-47

THE REMOVAL OF THE LIGHT

There is no Benediction.
All are asked to leave quietly.

Thank you for attending our Maundy Thursday service.
The first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up
to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus.

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LEADERSHIP IN TODAY’S SERVICE:
MINISTER: Rev. Kathleen Crighton
LITURGIST: elder, Bruce Robertson
PIANO: Amanda Wadsworth

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