

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE March 28, 2024

Rev. Robin Palmer – Pastor Jamie Clay – Director of Music Ministries Martie Heaton – Handbell Choir Director Brenda Davis – Organist



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Service with Communion March 28, 2024 – Maundy Thursday



ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "At The Foot of the Cross" arr: Hal Wright

Call to Worship

What shall we return to the Lord for all of God's goodness to us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

Congregational Meditative Music No. 2200 (sing through three times)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"



Prayer of Confession

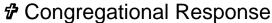
O God, in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine, we become aware of the depth of your self-giving love, and we see our own failures to live as people who have been fed by you. In a world hungry for food and thirsty for compassion, we are often stingy and hardened. We make our tables exclusive and share only with those we like. Forgive our selfishness and have mercy upon us. Give us glad and generous hearts, so that we may give freely in the example of Jesus.

分 Hymn No. 2275

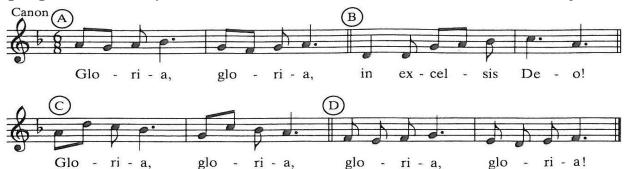
"Kyrie"



Assurance of Forgiveness



"Glory to God"



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Matthew 26:17-29 Bible Page 30, N.T.

Choir "Remember Me" Stan Pethel

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Response

Holy, holy, Lord, God of power, God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Response

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

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Response

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits.

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Reading	Matthew 26:36-45	Bible Page 30, N.T.
Hymn No. 97	"(o to Dark Gethsemane"
Third Reading	Mark 14:43-46, 15:1-21	Bible Page 52, N.T.
Choir	"O Sacred Wondrous Love"	arr. Heather Sorenson
Fourth Reading	Luke 23:32-38	Bible Page 89, N.T.
Choir	"Come to the Garden"	Dana Mengel
Hymn No. 98	"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"	
Fifth Reading	Luke 23:39-43	Bible Page 89, N.T.

Hymn No. 599 "Jesus, Remember Me" (sing through three times)

Sixth Reading

Bible Page 33, N.T.

Choir "Kyrie Eleison" Dana Mengel

Matthew 27:45-60

Seventh Reading (in unison) Psalm 22 Bible Page 500, O.T.

(stripping of the church)

Hymn No. 101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

---- Depart as you feel moved while singing the final hymn. ----

The service includes stripping of the church, a practice that dates from around the 7th century. It is a vivid showing forth of the desolation and abandonment of Jesus's long night in Gethsemane. The stark, bare church reflects clearly the spiritual tone of the time between this night and its contrast with the incredible joy of Easter Sunday.

Matthew 26:36-39 Am HOLY WEEK

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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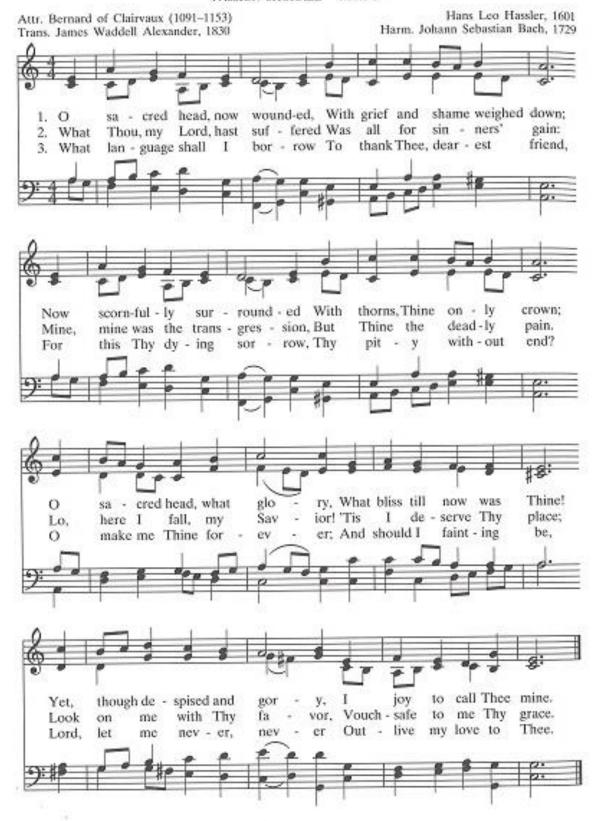
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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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