

MAUNDY THURSDAY

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

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THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, in the Holy Sacrament did leave Your Church a memorial of Yourself and a pledge and seal of Your redeeming love: Grant that when, in obedience to Your command, we keep the feast, we may approach Your Table with love and humble hope; that discerning its sacred mystery, we may feed by faith on Your Holy Body and blood, and be made partakers of Your heavenly grace. Let the remembrance of Your passion and triumph ever abide within our hearts, that we may be fortified against the assaults of our enemies and strengthened to keep Your commandments all the days of our life. Amen.



The Prelude

De Profundis, Op. 40, No. 6

Jean Langlais

*He has made me a byword of the peoples, and I am one before whom men spit.
My eye has grown dim from vexation, and all my members are like a shadow.*
Job 17:6-7

The Striking of the Hour

The Greeting

John 13:34

Mr. McRoberts

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. Let us, therefore, worship Him with boldness in spirit and in truth.

† The Call to Worship

Isaiah 53:6

Minister: All we like sheep have gone astray;

People: We have turned – every one – to his own way;

Minister: And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

People: Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:1-13

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put Him to death, for they feared the people. 3 Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. 4 He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. 5 And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of a crowd. 7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." 9 They said to Him, "Where will You have us prepare it?" 10 He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters 11 and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?' 12 And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." 13 And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

The Homily

PLOT AND PASSOVER

Mr. Howell

- I. Offices in the Church do not preserve the holders of them from great blindness and sin: v. 2
- II. How far men may fall after making a public profession: v. 3
- III. The enormous power of the love of money: vv. 4-5
- IV. The close connection between the death of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Feast of Passover: vv. 1, 7-8, 11

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Family of God, as we draw near to the Lord's Supper to celebrate Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us be grateful and remember that our Lord instituted this sacrament as a perpetual reminder of His dying for our sakes and as a pledge of His undying love for us.

Therefore, Jesus bids us to come to Him in this sacrament in knowledge, faith, repentance, love, and with hearts hungering and thirsting for Him. If we are willingly and stubbornly living in sin, lacking peace in our relationships with others, secretly relying on our own good works for favor with God, then we are warned by God's Word not to receive this sacrament.

But all who are truly sorry for their sins and long to be delivered from the burden of them; all who are weary from brokenness and long to be filled with the life of Christ; all who are doubting and need the assuring embrace of God; all who humbly put their trust in Christ and desire His grace that they may lead a holy life; and, all who are baptized members in an evangelical church, are invited and encouraged in His Name to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Let us therefore come that we be refreshed and find rest for our souls.

If you are not in a saving relationship with God through Christ today, do not take the bread and cup, but take Christ and receive Him in your heart as those around you receive the meal. Then, immediately following the service, come and tell a minister or one of our leaders what you have done so we can prepare you to receive communion next time as a child of God.

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and mourn our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed, against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these, our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of God's Pardon – 1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord; You ever love to show mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His cup, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

† The Hymn of Preparation *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* (see page 7)

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Supper

Those participating in the meal are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands One you do not know, even He Who comes after me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”

These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:26-29

† The Prayer of Consecration and Benediction of God’s Grace

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

People: AMEN.

† The Postlude

Symphony No. 2, Mvmt. IV: Cantabile

Louis Vierne

*For dogs encompass Me; a company of evildoers encircles Me;
they have pierced My hands and feet— I can count all My bones—
they stare and gloat over Me; they divide My garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.*

Psalm 22:16-18

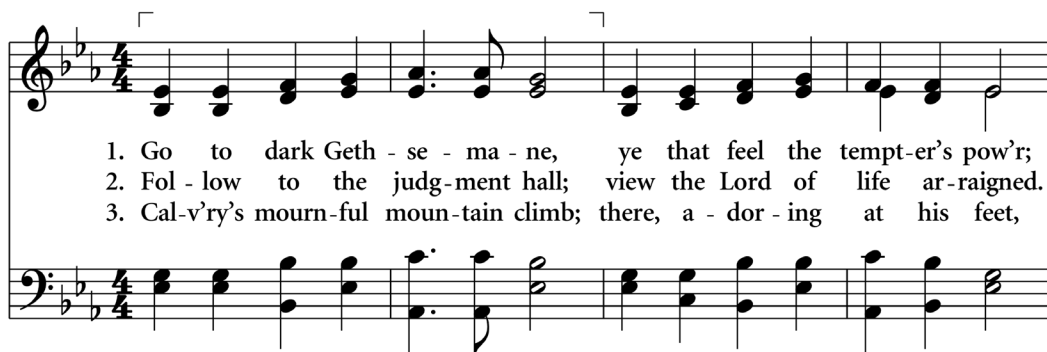
The scriptures teach us that after the Lord’s Supper, Jesus and the Apostles went to the Garden of Gethsemane where our Lord was betrayed and arrested. Later that evening He was stripped, beaten, mocked, and unjustly accused. To symbolize this, the Sanctuary will be “stripped:” we remove the candlesticks, the paraments, the flags. The table is bare, plain, naked, and its stripping calls to mind that He was stripped for beating, for mockery, finally for crucifixion, death and burial.

We shroud the crosses with black, the only time of the year this color is used in worship, symbolizing His death on the cross. The candlesticks are removed and the lights go down, reminding us that the Light of the Father’s presence was removed from Him as He was forsaken on the cross. We leave the church in uneasy silence, forbidden the usual words of greeting, encouragement, appreciation for the sermon, the music, the small-talk that makes us feel at home.

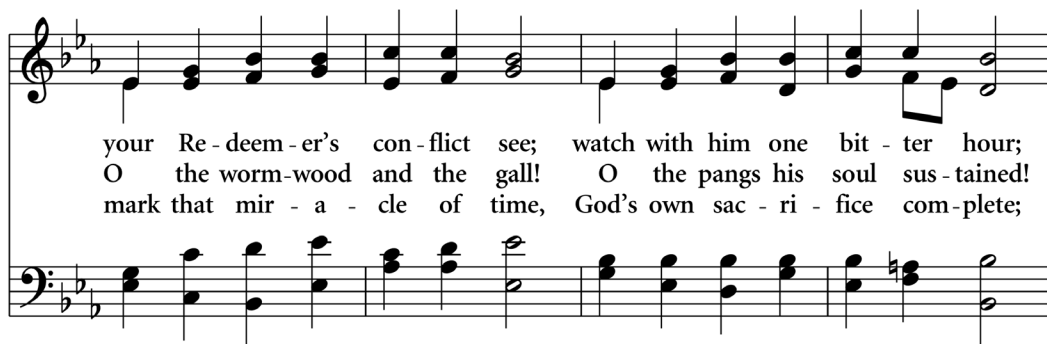
If we will live with Him, we must die with Him.

As the sanctuary is stripped and the organ is played, we invite you to contemplate Christ’s passion and suffering.

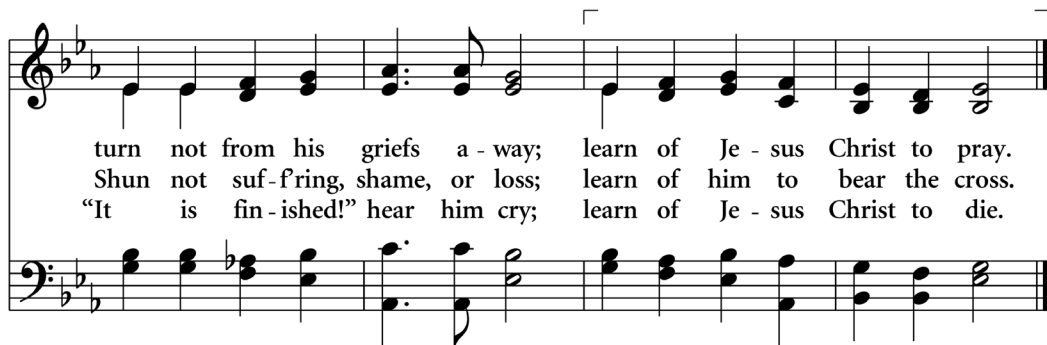
Go to Dark Gethsemane



1. Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's pow'r;
 2. Fol - low to the judg-ment hall; view the Lord of life ar-raigned.
 3. Cal-v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see; watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete;



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf-f'ring, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

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 MUSIC: Richard Redhead, 1853

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Matthew 26:38

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure;
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders;
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing; no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom;

that he should give his on - ly Son, to make a wretch his trea - sure.
 a - shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
 but I will boast in Je - sus Christ; his death and res - ur - rec - tion.

How great the pain of sear-ing loss; the Fa - ther turns his face a - way
 It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished.
 Why should I gain from his re - ward? I can-not give an an - swer.

as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 His dy - ing breath has brought me life; I know that it is fin - ished.
 But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Romans 5:8