



Maundy Thursday

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

MARCH 28, 2024

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Savior, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow the adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes,
O by all Thy pains and woe
Suffered once for man below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our penitential cry! Amen.*

ROBERT GRANT (1779-1838) – BRITISH LAWYER AND POLITICIAN,
BEST KNOWN FOR PENNING THE HYMN “O WORSHIP THE KING.”



The Prelude

Prelude on ‘Rhosymedre’
Grace Kim, *violin*

Phillip A. Cooke

The Chiming of the Hour

The Greeting – John 13:34

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Assistant Minister*

Hear the words of Jesus:

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 in spirit and in truth.

† The Call to Worship – Isaiah 53:6, John 1:29 (*congregation reads bold type*)

All we like sheep have gone astray;

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

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

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

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

•† The Hymn No. 442

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

EBENEZER

The Call to Confession – Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.

The Prayer of Confession – adapted from the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1928

**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 Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Colossians 1:12-14

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

† The Scripture Lesson – John 13:1-35

pew Bible, page 1145

The Homily

LOVE, ON ITS KNEES

Rev. Clark

† The Hymn No. 362

Here, O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face

MORECAMBE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Who should come to the Lord's table? Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church. (from the Heidelberg Catechism)

The Words of Institution

*Please partake of the elements as you receive them,
just as we must each receive Christ for our own salvation by faith.*

The Serving of the Meal

*The Crucifixion
Henry Coyne, soloist*

Samuel Barber

At the cry of the first bird
they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that.
It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son,
But sorer still to Him was the grief
Which for His sake came upon His mother.

† The Hymn No. 123

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

EVENTIDE

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

The Stripping of the Sanctuary (*please remain seated*)

***As the Sanctuary is stripped and the organ is played, we invite you to contemplate
Christ's passion and suffering. When the cross in the Chancel is draped,
the congregation departs in silence.***

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON STRIPPING THE SANCTUARY

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. To symbolize this, the Sanctuary will be stripped: we remove the candlesticks, the paraments, the flags. The table is bare, plain, naked. Its stripping calls to mind that Jesus, too, was stripped for beating, for mockery, and 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.

SERMON NOTES

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE | MARCH 29

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir and MSO Fellowship Cellist, Jiaoyang Xu

Homily by the Reverend Kurt Cooper

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. on the South Lawn

In case of inclement weather

the Sunrise Service will be held in Trinity Hall

Homily by the Reverend Bill Clark

Pancake Breakfast in Trinity Hall

Served immediately following the Sunrise Service. All are welcome!

Easter Morning Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir with trumpeter Michael Huff

Overflow seating provided in Trinity Hall

Sermon by the Reverend Kurt Cooper

NO EVENING VESPERS

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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