



Maundy Thursday

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 17, 2025

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Q: How does the Lord's Supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

A: In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of Him. With this command He gave these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was His body offered for me and His blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does He Himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with His crucified body and shed blood.

FROM THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, 1563



The Prelude

Lied [song]

Francois Rasse

*Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:26

The Chiming of the Hour

The Greeting – John 13:34

Rev. Michael Howell

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.

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Isaiah 55:1-3 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

**Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good,
And delight yourselves in rich food.**

Incline your ears and come to Me,

ALL: Hear, that your soul may live!

•† The Hymn No. 123 *Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide* EVENTIDE

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Scripture Lesson – Matthew 26:17-29 pew Bible, page 1057

The Homily

Maudy

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

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 Call to Confession –Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, 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.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – John 6:35

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.”

The Prayer of Humble Access

† The Hymn No. 362 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* MORECAMBE

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

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

† 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.

Leading In Worship

Rev. Michael Howell, Assistant Minister

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, Assistant Minister

Mrs. Shannon Mathai, Assistant Director of Music and Organist

Dr. William Hayter, clarinet

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SERMON NOTES

Matthew 26:17-29

Maundy

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE | APRIL 18

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir and organ.

Homily by The Reverend Kurt Cooper

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.* in Trinity Park

In case of inclement weather the Sunrise Service will be held in Trinity Hall.

Homily by The Reverend Cameron Whitehurst

Pancake Breakfast in Trinity Hall

Served immediately following the Sunrise Service – all are welcome!

Easter Morning Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir and soloists with organ, brass, and percussion.

Sermon by The Reverend Kurt Cooper

**Nursery (ages 3 months to pre-K) is provided for all services except for the Sunrise Service.*

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EVENING VESPERS



VISITORS

We are honored to have you as our guest today. Please complete the information on our Friendship Register (by scanning the QR code) so that we may respond properly to your visit.

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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