



Maundy Thursday

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 18, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

Larghetto
Lorna Wood, *violin*

Tarantini

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

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.

✠ The Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned.
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

✠ The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

The Seder Meal

Luke 22:7, 8, 13

Rabbi Bruce Rapp

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.
So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

The Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:39-46

Page 1122 in the Pew Bible

The Homily

JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

Mr. Howell

- I. Jesus in Prayer: v. 41
- II. Jesus in Petition: v. 42
- III. Jesus in Pain: v. 44

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 that we were conceived and born in iniquity, 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, 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 No. 429

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Supper

Those participating in the meal are invited to come forward to receive communion. Please exit your pew into the center aisle as the usher leads and return to your pew by way of the outside aisle. One may consume the elements immediately or return to your seat to partake. Alternately, you may remain in your seat to receive communion and simply let the usher and elder know your wishes.

† 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 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.

A love offering will be taken for the evangelistic work of Jews for Jesus at the end of the service. Please place your offering in the plate at the door. Information about Jews for Jesus is available as you exit the sanctuary.



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

TENEBRAE SERVICE OF LIGHT TO DARKNESS

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 7:00 P.M.

RESURRECTION DAY WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21

6:00 a.m.

Sunrise Service

North Lawn at Hull and Clanton

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

Special Music by Chancel Choir and Guest Instrumentalists

BREAKFAST WITH THE RISEN LORD

The Beauty of the Realness of Jesus

John 21:1-14

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