



Maundy Thursday

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 2, 2026

MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Our Lord Jesus, in the night wherein He was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of His body and blood, called the Lord's Supper, to be observed in His Church, unto the end of the world, for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death; the sealing all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto Him; and, to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Him, and with each other, as members of His mystical body.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION CHAPTER 29

The Prelude

Lament

Rhonda Larson

The Chiming of the Hour

The Greeting – John 13:34

Rev. Kurt Cooper

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 40:28-29 (*congregation reads bold type*)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,

The Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

His understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,

And to him who has no might He increases strength.

•† The Hymn No. 123

Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

EVENTIDE

† The Prayer of Invocation

† *Indicates the congregation standing*

• *Indicates seating for those detained*

The Homily

Come Together

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Closing Prayer

SEEKING GOD’S FACE

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 – Martin Bucer, 1539

O God the Father of heaven,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit,

Have mercy upon us.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil,

Deliver us, O Lord.

From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death,

Deliver us, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, by the mystery of Your holy incarnation,

by Your baptism, fasting, and temptations,

Deliver us, O Lord.

By Your agony and bloody sweat, by Your cross and passion, by Your death and burial,

by Your resurrection and ascension, by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

Deliver us, O Lord.

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 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 Prayer of Humble Access

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 Hymn No. 220

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

O MEIN JESU

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

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.

Amen.

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. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Jacob Taylor, *Organist and Music Associate*

Guest Musician

Dr. Robert Scott, *flute*

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SERMON NOTES

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Come Together

I. The Lord's Supper calls us to Unity

II. The Lord's Supper calls us to Remember

III. The Lord's Supper calls us to Examination

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE | APRIL 3

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir and organ.

Homily by The Reverend Kurt Cooper

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5

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 Mr. Andrew Mingus

Pancake Breakfast in Trinity Hall

Served immediately following the Sunrise Service – all are welcome!

Easter Morning Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Music by the Chancel Choir and soloists with organ, trumpet, and timpani.

Sermon by The Reverend Kurt Cooper

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.

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

NO EVENING VESPERS ON EASTER SUNDAY



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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