

# *Maundy Thursday*



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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April 6, 2023  
7:00 pm

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

INVOCATION

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

JEAN MIDDLESWARTH

### ◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

**All: Who redeems us from sin and death.**

One: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

### ◆HYMN NO. 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

### ◆PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

**All: Forgive us.**

One: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

**All: Forgive us.**

One: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;

**All: Forgive us.**

One: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### ◆SILENT CONFESSION

### ◆ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

### ◆SONG OF RESPONSE

What Wondrous Love Is This

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:20-28

## ANTHEM

## The Last Supper

Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat, he said, "Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me." And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began ev'ry one of them to say, "Lord, is it I? Is it I? Is it I?" And he answered and said, "He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born." Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, "Master, is it I?" He said unto him, "Thou hast said." And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (St. Matthew)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in whose death our sins are dead:  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
Look on the tears by sinners shed;  
And be Thy feast to us the token  
That by Thy grace our souls are fed. (Bishop Benjamin Heber, 1827)

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

◆SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

## ANTHEM

## The Betrayal

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples into the garden of Gethsemane. (St. Matthew and St. John)

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended,  
That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted. (Rev. Johann Heermann, c. 1630)

And while he yet spake, Judas, one of the twelve, came, with a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee!  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee!  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee:  
I crucified Thee.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, "Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast." And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, "Hail, master;" and kissed him. And Jesus said to him, "Friend, wherefore art thou come?" Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and laid their hands on Jesus, and took him.

For me, dear Jesus, was Thy incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy Life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

♦PRAYER HYMN NO. 836

Abide with Me

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:16-37

## ANTHEM

## The Crucifixion

And the soldiers led him away into the Praetorium; And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head, And began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees, worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him. And bring him unto the place Golgotha. And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness until about the ninth hour, when Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? (My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?)" Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. (St. Mark)

Through Him alone can we be blest;  
Then deep be on our hearts imprest  
The love that he hath borne us.  
So make we ready to fulfill  
With burning zeal his holy will,  
Though men may vex and scorn us.  
Saviour, let us never lose thee,  
For we choose thee, Thirst to know thee;  
All we are and have we owe thee.  
To him the Lamb who once was slain,  
The friend whom none shall trust in vain,  
Whose grace for aye aboundeth. (Nicolai and Schlegel)

## MOMENTS OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

*You are invited to depart in silence. The service continues tomorrow at noon.*

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Westminster Sanctuary Choir

Angela Loizides, *violin*

Jenny Weiss, *violin*

Ben Weiss, *viola*

Yun-Hao Jiang, *cello*

Tonight's choir anthems are taken from "On the Passion of Christ" by David H. Williams

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### **TONIGHT WE SHARE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup. We'll receive the sacrament by intinction, coming to the table, taking a piece of pre-cut bread and dipping it in the cup. WPC is a safe place for those in recovery- we serve grape juice only. Gluten free communion cups are available; indicate your preference at the table. Children are invited to the table provided they've had instruction at home or in Westminster's worship prep class (1 st grade).

### **ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Tonight we gather for worship, remembering the last night Jesus spent with his disciples before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. It is called *Maundy* because of the command (Latin: *mandatum*) Jesus gave for his disciples to love one another. (John 13:34)

On that night, Jesus also instituted the Lord's Supper, transforming the Jewish Passover supper to a meal where in the bread and the cup, we remember the salvation we have through the sacrifice of his broken body and spilled blood.

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