



## A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023      7:00 p.m.

*Maundy Thursday commemorates the Passover meal  
Jesus shared with his disciples before his arrest and betrayal.  
The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum,” meaning “command.”  
It refers to the command Jesus gave at the Last Supper  
for his disciples to love one another. (John 13:34)*

**Welcome**

**Scripture Meditation—Luke 22:1–6**

**Introit—Sarabande**

Georg Frederic Handel

## **Call to Worship—Based on Psalm 16:1–2, 5–8 (ESV)**

Leader: Come seek the Lord, saying, "Preserve me, O God,  
for in you I take refuge."

**ALL: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good  
apart from you."**

Leader: Worship him alone, for the LORD is your chosen portion  
and your cup. Have not the lines fallen for you in pleasant  
places? Indeed, you have a beautiful inheritance.

**ALL: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night  
also my heart instructs me. I have set the LORD  
always before me; because he is at my right hand,  
I shall not be shaken.**

## **Congregational Hymn—#261 What Wondrous Love Is This**

## **New Testament Reading—Luke 22:7–13**

## **Ministry in Music—Behold the Lamb of God**

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,  
and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God!" ~ John 1:35–36

*Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.*

Text: John 1:29; Music: Georg Frederic Handel

## **The Reading of the Word—John 11:45–57**

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a

town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples. Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?" Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

## **Congregational Hymn—#257 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

### **Preaching of the Word—John 11:45–57**

IN MY PLACE CONDEMNED HE STOOD

Tom Groelsema

### **Confession of Sin**

Leader: 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, time and again, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us.

**ALL:** We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.

Leader: The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us.

**ALL:** 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.

## Congregational Sung Response—Franklin Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

WOMEN: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

MEN: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Traditional; Music: Greg Wilbur, 2009

## Assurance of Grace

Leader: Hear now the promises of God to all who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (Romans 5:6–11)

**ALL:** The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15a)

### Congregational Sung Response—Franklin Agnus Dei

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the  
world, Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Text: Traditional; Music: Greg Wilbur

### Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Sursum Corda

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL:** We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: O Father, creator of heaven and earth, we do not presume to come to this, your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. Therefore, we join our voices with the whole company of heaven in this song of eternal praise:

### Congregational Sung Response—Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Women

Ho - ly, — ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, — ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

Men

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Heav'n and Earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. ———

Bless - ed — is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

Bless - ed is He — who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -

high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.

san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. ——— A - men.

Text: Traditional; Music: Greg Wilbur

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper Institution of the Lord's Table—Luke 22:14–23

Prayer of Consecration  
Distribution of the Elements

### Congregational Hymn—#429 Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured

## **New Testament Scripture Reading— Luke 22:39–46, 54–62**

### **Ministry in Music—When Jesus Wept**

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear, seized all the guilty world around.*

Text and Music: William Billings arr. Gerald Custer

### **Congregational Hymn—**

**#248 Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended**

### **Closing Prayer**

### **Benediction**

*As we allow our hearts to meditate on the truth  
that Jesus Christ carried our grief to the cross,  
it is fitting that we should retire in prayerful silence.*

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung;  
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and serving the body of Christ.

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