



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024 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)

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Welcome

Scripture Meditation—Mark 14:1–2

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”

Introit—Excerpt from Beethoven Symphony #7, 2nd Movement, Opus 92

Call to Worship—Psalm 118:19–22

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

ALL: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

ALL: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

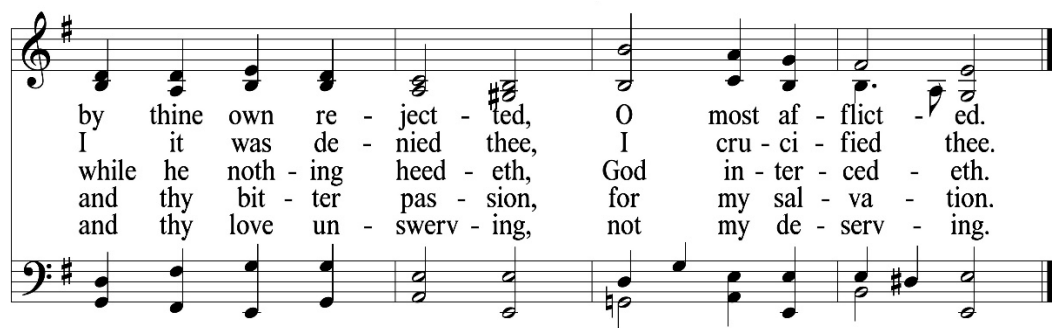
Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Hymn—Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

The image displays a musical score for a congregational hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines. The lyrics are as follows:

Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fen - ded, that we to
Who was the guil - ty, who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered, the slave hath
For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee have in hate pre - ten - ded? By foes de - ri - ded,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will e - ver pray thee, think on thy pi - ty



Text: Johann Heermann, 1630; Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1640

New Testament Scripture Reading—John 14:1-7

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Ministry in Music—In My Father’s House

*In my Father’s house are many dwellings, and if I go to prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.*

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father’s house are many dwelling places.

If there were not, would I have told you I am going to prepare a place for you?

Where I am going, you know the way.

For I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you also know my Father.

My Spirit will be with you always.

The Advocate, the Spirit of Truth will remind you of all I have said.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid.

I have told you I will come back to you; have faith in me.

Text: From John 14; Music: Philip W. J. Stopford


New Testament Scripture Reading—Mark 14:12–21

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”


Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God.


Congregational Hymn—Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



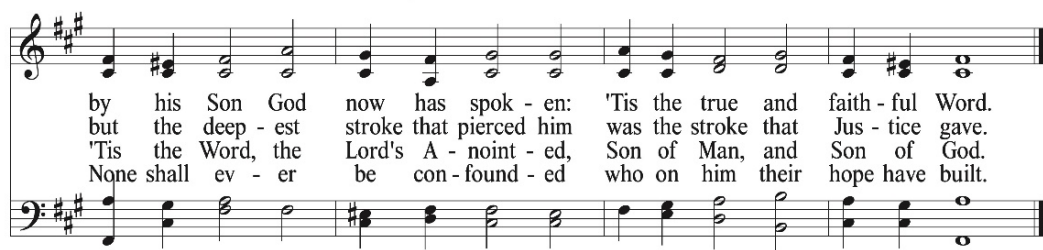
Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
Ye who think of sin but light - ly, nor sup - pose the e - vil great,
Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the re - fuge of the lost.



'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
Friends through fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress:
here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
Christ the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.



'Tis the long ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Dav - id's son, yet Dav - id's Lord;
man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load!
Lamb of God for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!



Text: Thomas Kelly, 1804;

Music: O MEIN JESUS, ICH MUSS STERBEN, *Geistliche Volkslieder*, Paderborn, 1850

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of the Word—John 17:1–5

FATHER, GLORIFY YOUR SON

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—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.

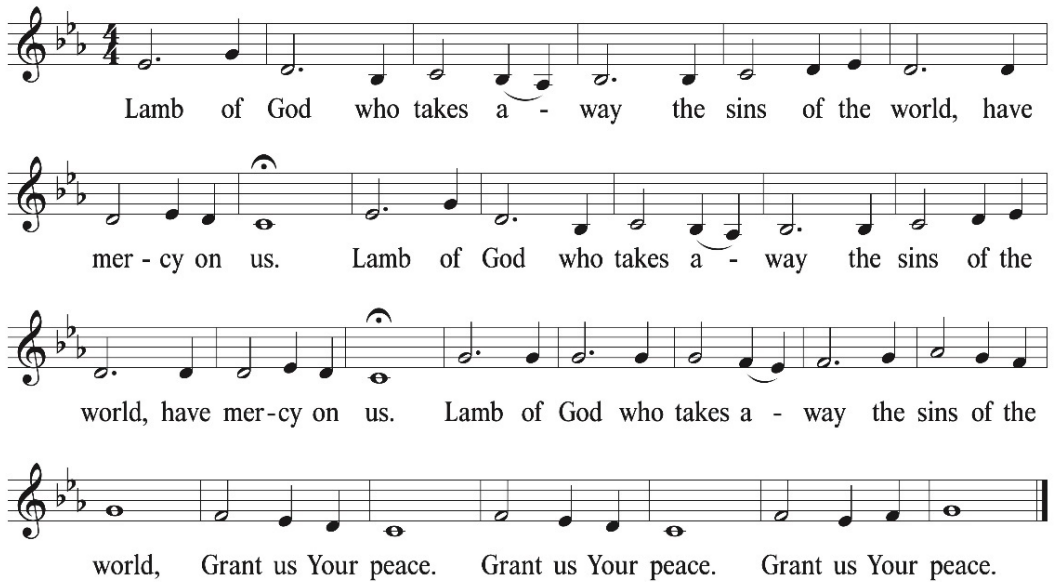
Text: Traditional; Music: FRANKLIN KYRIE, Greg Wilbur, 2009

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Hear now the promises of God to all who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:1–6)

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—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: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, 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. You are the Lord who does not change; you ever love to show mercy, so we join our voices with the whole company of heaven in this song of eternal praise:

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

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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: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Greg Wilbur

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution—Mark 14:22–25

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Ministry in Music—Behold the Lamb of God

*Behold the Lamb of God, the Lamb for sinners slain:
A perfect sacrifice for all, he died, but lives again.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold his hands, his side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

*He lives—let heav’n rejoice, and earth her honors bring
To him the everlasting God, the great eternal King.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold his hands, his side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

*Oh strike your harps of gold, ye ransomed host above.
Praise him who bought you with his blood, and saved you by his love.
Behold the Lamb of God, behold his hands, his side.
The Son of God, the sinless Lamb, for me was crucified.*

Text: Fanny Crosby; Music: Craig Courtney

New Testament Scripture Reading—Mark 14:26–42

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same. And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

Congregational Hymn—What Wondrous Love Is This

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what won - drous
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from

love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this
the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb
death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme,
I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty,

for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?
I will sing, I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Text: American folk hymn: Music: WONDROUS LOVE, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship: Preaching Pastor: Rev. Tom Groelsema; Assisting Pastor: Dr. Kevin DeYoung
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NOTES

In humble reliance upon the word of God and prayer, Christ Covenant Church
is committed to worshiping God, making disciples, loving one another,
and serving the body of Christ.

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