



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## THE LAMB OF GOD

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please silence all electronic devices and do not take flash photos during the service.  
As the prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

† Please stand at these times if you are able to do so.

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**PRELUDE** | *Stay With Me*

Jae Ha, arr.

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** | *from Psalm 116:1-2; 13-14*

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

**All: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

† **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** | *#257 What Wondrous Love is This*

**FIRST READING: THE LAST SUPPER** | *Matthew 26:17-29*

<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" <sup>18</sup> He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" <sup>23</sup> He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup> 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." <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** | *#286 Stay with Me* (repeated by direction of the choir)

**SECOND READING: IN THE GARDEN** | *Matthew 26:36-46*

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and

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troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?"

<sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

<sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again.

<sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN | #286 *Stay with Me* (repeated by direction of the choir)

### MEDITATION | *The Lamb of God*

Rev. Becky Prichard

### THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS (A LITANY OF CONFESSION)

Leader: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**All: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Since 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. We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to those who trust in Jesus Christ and seek to live as His followers. Access to the table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love. In preparing to receive the Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

## THE COMMUNION PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMING FORWARD TO RECEIVE

*The Ushers will release small groups from the pews to go forward to take communion. Groups will gather around the tables at the front and will be served communion by "Intinction" and each person will be invited to serve the person next to them around the table. Once everyone has been served, you will return to your seat using the outside aisle and the next group will come forward.*

*When you return to your seat, take a few moments to reflect on the gift of Christ's body and blood, and in that reflection lift your prayers of confession and thanksgiving to God.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION | *A Hymn to God the Father*

John Ness Beck / Courtney arr.

Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
which is my sin though it were done before?  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run,  
and do still run, though still I do deplore?  
When Thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
for I have more.  
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won  
others to sin, and made my sin their door?

Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
a year or two, but wallowed in a score?  
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,  
for I have more.  
I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
swear by Thyself, that at my death  
Thy Son shall shine as He shines now and heretofore;  
and, having done that, Thou hast done,  
I fear no more.

### *O Sacred Head*

Mary McDonald

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns,  
thine only crown. How pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish  
which once was bright as morn! What Thou, my lord,  
hast suffered was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the  
transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, Here I fall,  
my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place; Look on me with Thy  
favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace. What language shall I borrow  
to thank Thee, dearest Friend, for this, Thy dying  
sorrow, Thy pity without end?

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THIRD READING: THE TRIAL OF JESUS | *Matthew 26:57-68*

<sup>57</sup> Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup> and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" <sup>62</sup> And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" <sup>63</sup> But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." <sup>64</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." <sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup> What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." <sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup> saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

### CHORAL RESPONSE | *Hymn #286 Stay with Me*

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## FOURTH READING: THE SENTENCE OF DEATH | *Matthew 27:15-26*

<sup>15</sup> Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" <sup>18</sup> For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. <sup>19</sup> Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>23</sup> And he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

<sup>24</sup> So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." <sup>25</sup> And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" <sup>26</sup> Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

## SOLEMN RESPONSE | *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

### THE CONGREGATION IS DISMISSED

*At the end of the hymn, the congregation is asked to leave the sanctuary silently and solemnly, yet filled with hope in anticipation of the resurrection to come.*

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY | Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller and Pastor Mitchell

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