

**Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 7 p.m.**

**Prelude**

**Welcome** *Rev. Jason Christ, Associate Pastor*

**Invocation and Prayer** *(Stand)*

**Leader** We worship in the name of the Father who created us, the Son who gave His life for us, and the Spirit who unites us in faith and love.

**People** Come let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

**Confession of Sin**

**Leader** As we prepare to come to the Savior's feast, we are reminded that His Word instructs us, "Examine yourself, that you may receive His true body and blood in a worthy manner." So we come before Him and ask that He reveal all that needs to be confessed.

**Confessional Hymn *Upon the Cross Extended*** *Hymnal 453, verses 1-3*



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will  
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.  
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came  
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.  
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.

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*(Silence for personal confession)*

***Upon the Cross Extended*** *Hymnal 453, verse 4*



4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

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## Absolution

Leader Scripture is clear. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9* Every time we gather and share His Holy Supper, we are strengthened and assured of our forgiveness and salvation. Therefore we can say with all confidence,

People **I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Thanks be to God. Amen.** *Galatians 2:20 (Sit)*

## Passion Reading 6

Leader When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. They said to one another: "Let's not tear it. Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

Leader And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" In the same way, the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders mocked him: "He saved others, but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Leader One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. He said: "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Leader Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother: "Dear woman, here is your son." And to the disciple: "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Leader At the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice: "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" – Which means: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of those standing near heard this, they said: "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

Leader Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said: "It is finished." Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Leader At that moment, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed: "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Leader When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger, and of Joseph, and Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

Leader All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

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(Stand)

**Message Hymn *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*** *Hymnal 636, verses 1, 4, 7, and 8*



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the  
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver  
 7 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, You once  
 8 Je - sus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's  
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is  
 left Your throne in heav - en On the cross for me to  
 glad - ly here o - bey You. By Your love I am in -



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:  
 lan - guish And to die in bit - ter an - guish,  
 vit - ed, Be Your love with love re - quit - ed;



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing  
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to  
 To fore - go all joy and glad - ness And to shed Your  
 By this Sup - per let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and  
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -  
 blood in sad - ness. By this blood re - deemed and  
 deep love's trea - sure. Through the gift of grace You



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!  
 liv - ing, Lord, I praise You with thanks - giv - ing.  
 give me As Your guest in heav'n re - ceive me.

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(Sit)

**Testimony** *Karen Pritchard*

**Message** *Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited, Jr.*

(Stand)

## The Nicene Creed

People I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Offering

*Our Lord Jesus Christ invites all present to express their gratitude for His blessings by giving an offering of thanksgiving to support the spreading of His Word.*

### *The Lamb* Hymnal 547

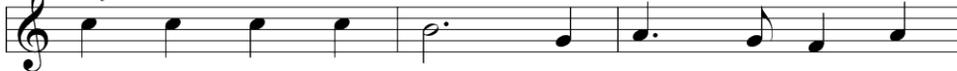


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.

#### *Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

People 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Preparation for Lord's Supper

Leader The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Leader On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Leader As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, Lamb of our salvation.**

Leader O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment.

People **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, Lamb of our salvation.**

Leader The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

*We welcome to the Lord's Table baptized believers who confess their sins, affirm their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and who accept that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, given for the forgiveness of sins.*

## The Invitation and Home Distribution

### Agnus Dei *(music found on page 180)*



**☐** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*(Sit)*

## **Distribution Hymn**

***O Lord, We Praise Thee*** *Hymnal 617 sung by Kantorei*

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee,  
and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood  
didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need:  
O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to  
Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made:  
O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity:  
O Lord, have mercy!

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*(Stand)*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

**Leader** Gracious Heavenly Father, in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood, You have given us a foretaste of the Feast to come. We thank You that for Jesus' sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. Do not forsake Your children, but rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People** **Amen.** *(Sit)*

## Anthem

### *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* sung by Kantorei

Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suffering, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.

Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.

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## The Stripping of the Altar

*Just as Jesus was stripped and beaten after His arrest, the altar is stripped of all the paraments, candles, bread, wine and other vessels, reminding us of the humiliation Jesus endured for our sake.*

### Removal of the Bread and Wine

Reader Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! *Philippians 2:6-8*

### Removal of the Altar Candles

Reader But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. *Galatians 4:4-5*

### Removal of the Altar Linens

Reader Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorian and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him. *Matthew 27:27-31*

### Removal of the Paraments

Reader Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals; one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up His clothes by casting lots. *Luke 23:32-34*

## ***Abide With Me*** Solo: Dominic Florio

### *Verse 1*

I have a home eternal home  
But for now I walk this broken world  
You walked it first You know our pain  
But You show hope can rise  
Again up from the grave

### *Chorus*

Abide with me abide with me  
Don't let me fall and don't let go  
Walk with me and never leave  
Ever close God abide with me

### *Verse 2*

There in the night Gethsemane  
Before the cross before the nails  
Overwhelmed alone You prayed  
You met us in our suffering  
And bore our shame

### *Bridge*

Oh love that will not ever let me go  
Love that will not ever let me go  
You never let me go  
Love that will not ever let me go

### *Interlude*

Well You never let us go

### *Ending*

And up ahead eternity  
We'll weep no more we'll sing for joy  
Abide with me

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## **The Entrance of the Crown of Thorns**

*In silence, a crown of thorns is brought forward and placed on the altar. The congregation may sit quietly and meditate, and when ready, leave in silence.*

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