

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 17, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE *The Peace May Be Exchanged (Rubrics, No. 4)* (Locklair)

GREETING

Leader: Christ Jesus gives us a new commandment.
People: He calls us to love one another as he has loved us.
Leader: How shall we live this commandment?
People: By the grace of God and the power of God's Spirit.
Leader: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

Infinite, intimate God: this night you kneel before your friends and wash our feet. Bound together in your love, trembling, we drink your cup and watch. Amen.

GUIDED MEDITATION

On this holy night, we remember the Lord Christ wrapped himself in a towel and knelt to wash his disciples' feet. Imagine Jesus kneeling at your feet. Listen as the water splashes in the basin; feel Jesus' hands touch your feet, and let your heart cry: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

CHORAL MEDITATION *Kyrie Eleison* (Vierne)

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

GUIDED MEDITATION

The cross expresses God's most powerful act of love in Christ Jesus toward us. Meditate on the wonders of God's awesome love for you and remind yourself there is nothing you can do, or not do, that would change God's great love for you. Rest in the strength of that love and release your burdens to God.

CHORAL & CONGREGATIONAL MEDITATION
Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Harlan)
João Vitor Gonzaga, violinist
Congregation stands to sing third verse (page 297 of hymnal)

GUIDED MEDITATION

Knowing his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father, Jesus was fully present to his disciples as he washed their feet. Later that night, he was fully present to God in the Garden of Gethsemane as he agonized in prayer. He urged the ones with him to remain awake and present to God through their own prayers.

For a moment, consider the idea of prayer as a means of being awake and present to God. How might this change your life of prayer?

CHORAL MEDITATION *Steal Away* (Helvey)
Jim Moritsugo, clarinetist

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17, 31b-35

GUIDED MEDITATION

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other."

How could loving God, others and yourself keep you alert and awake to God's presence?

CHORAL MEDITATION *Greater Love Hath No Man* (Ireland)
Jay Carr & Anna McDonald, soloists

GUIDED MEDITATION

"Where charity and love are, God is there."

Words filled with compassion can heal hearts.
One small act of kindness can bring a smile to someone's face.
In the midst of tension and uncertainty, love can fuel connection.
Sometimes easy, sometimes hard, simple actions make God's presence known.

Recall a time when you were the recipient of someone's compassion, kindness or love. How was God present to you in that moment?

CHORAL MEDITATION *Ubi Caritas* (Durufle)
Bayleigh Batchelor, soloist

GUIDED MEDITATION

Jesus offered his very life to make the wondrous love of God known. In what ways is God asking you to make God's love known?

CHORAL MEDITATION *Wondrous Love* (Nelson)

GUIDED MEDITATION

The journey of Holy Week brings us here, to the cross. On Palm Sunday, the crowds waved palm branches and welcomed Jesus with words of praise: "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." But only a few days later, these same crowds cried out: "Crucify him!"

We are no different than the crowds. There are times we welcome the love of Christ with open hearts and lives. However, at other times we betray Christ's love.

And yet, Jesus still offered himself for us. As you listen to *Crucifixus*, meditate on these words: He was also crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

How is God's love drawing you? What is your response?

CHORAL MEDITATION *Crucifixus* (Bach)

HOMILY

CHORAL MEDITATION *O Lamb of God, I Come* (Koepke)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us. Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.
Leader: We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life. Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.
ALL: Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION (pg. 17, Musical Setting A)

We encourage families to take communion together. If you have a child in the nursery, you are welcome to get him/her at this time. If you'd like a gluten-free wafer, please tell your server.

CHORAL MEDITATION *My Eternal King* (Marshall)

GUIDED MEDITATION

"...love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all"

We have entered The Holy Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

As you journey through these three holy days, ponder the deep love of Jesus Christ and of God the Father for you. What is this love asking of you?

HYMN NO. 298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Gregory Fuller, Parkway Heights UMC conductor
Dr. John Howard, Galloway UMC conductor
Pamela Fuller, accompanist
Dr. Robert Knupp, accompanist
Rev. Anne-Russell Bradley, liturgist
Rev. Keith Keeton
Rev. David Sellers

PARKWAY HEIGHTS UMC SANCTUARY CHOIR

Soprano

Grace Andersen
Deborah Aycock
Alana Bartleson
Bitsy Browne Miller
Marietta Paterson
Lynne Royse
Mary Turner
Monti Watkins
Maggie Westbrook
Kathy Wheeler

Alto

Bayleigh Batchelor
Christine Heath
Anna Kate Long
Helen Moss
Lara Pitts
Avery Smith

Tenor

Russell Bearden
Bo Campbell
Dale Hudson
Keith Keeton
David Turner
Omari Walker
Jeremiah Williams

Bass

Mitch Cochran
Faizon Ellis
Aubrey Glenn
Robert Heath
Marvin Miller
Bill Nix
Lucus Orndorff
Lukas Saul

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

- A nursery is available for babies through children in Pre-K. Nursery check-in is located through the glass doors next to the elevator in the Atrium.
- The Cry Room, located to the left of the Sanctuary, is open during our worship services. The services air live on the room's TV. If you need help finding it, ask a worship host.
- Hearing assistance devices are available in our worship services. Please ask a host if you'd like to utilize one.
- To view subtitles on your phone of what's spoken during worship, visit bit.ly/phcaptions, scan the QR code below or ask a host for assistance.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT PARKWAY HEIGHTS UMC

Good Friday - April 18

TENEBRAE SERVICE: 7 P.M.

Easter Sunday - April 20

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 8:30 A.M.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE: 10:45 A.M.

Please join us! Everyone is welcome!

GALLOWAY UMC SANCTUARY CHOIR

Soprano

Maybelle Beasley
Gena Everitt
Virginia Ezelle
Beth Byler Kennedy
Anna McDonald
Terri McKee
Jenny Moffitt
Vicki Prosser
Naomi Ridgway
Samantha Sherman
Caryl Sumrall
Cecile Wardlaw

Alto

Nora Frances McRae
Shelia Malone
Lynne Pickett
Karen Redhead
Ann Schimmel
Kathleen Turner
Sarah Wade
Ree Walden

Tenor

Kathy Dieterich
Scott Enochs
Vaughan McRae
George Patton
Mason Peavy
Eddie Prosser
Chuck Sampson
Erick Weeks
Adam Whitaker

Bass

Rick Brooks
Jay Carr
Reine Campbell
Mike Hicks
Haden Hughes
Charles Mortimer
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