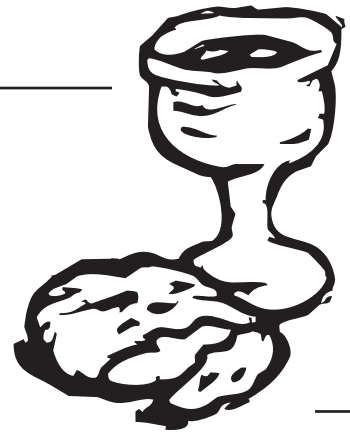


# *Maundy Thursday*

Thursday, April 13, 2017 | 7:30pm



## **Prelude**

“Adagio for Strings”  
*Jubilate Quartet*

Samuel Barber

## **Call to Worship**

**Pastor:** Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. Come to the table of the Lord and share in the feast of love that has been prepared for you by God’s own Son.”

**People:** **I will bless the Lord at all times; God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

**Pastor:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**People:** **Happy are they who take refuge in the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Magnify the Lord with me.

**People:** **Let us exalt God’s name together.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

## **Hymn**

“In a Garden”

Redhead No. 76

In a garden man became heir of sin, and death, and shame;  
Jesus in a garden wins life, and pardon for our sins;  
Through his hour of agony praying in Gethsemane.

There for us he intercedes; there with God the Father pleads;  
Willing there for us to drain to the dregs the cup of pain,  
That in everlasting day he may wipe our tears away.

Therefore to his name be giv’n, glory both in earth and heav’n;  
To the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit, Three in One,  
Honor, praise and glory be, now and through eternity.

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## **The Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near to God and he will draw near to you; humble yourself before him and he will lift you up. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit. The Lord will not despise a broken and contrite heart.

### **The Confession**

**People:** **Almighty God who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon you; hear us now as we come humbly into your presence confessing our sins and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy law by word and deed. We have ignored your presence in the Spirit, and have failed to look for the return of our Savior and our Judge. Have mercy upon us and in your great goodness put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sins, and grant us newness of life in which to serve you through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Declaration of Pardon

Pastor: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Hymn

“O Word of Pity”

Sandringham

O word of pity, for our pardon pleading,  
Breathed in the hour of loneliness and pain;  
O voice, which through the ages interceding  
Calls us to fellowship with God again!  
O word of comfort, through the silence stealing,  
As the dread act of sacrifice began;  
O infinite compassion, still revealing  
The infinite forgiveness won for man!  
O Intercessor, who art ever living  
To plead for dying souls that they may live,  
Teach us to know our sin which needs forgiving,  
Teach us to know the love which can forgive.

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### Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 75:1-8

page 487, pew Bible

### Prayer of Intercession

### Hymn

“A Voice Upon the Midnight Air”

Winchester New

A voice upon the midnight air, where Kidron's moonlit waters stray,  
Weeps forth, in agony of prayer, “O Father, take this cup away.”  
Ah, thou, who sorrowest unto death, we conquer in thy mortal fray;  
And earth for all her children saith, “O God, take not this cup away!”  
O Lord of sorrow, meekly die: thou'lt heal or hallow all our woe;  
Thy name refresh the mourner's sigh, thy peace revive the faint and low.  
O King of earth, the cross ascend; o'er climes and ages 'tis thy throne;  
Where'er thy fading eye may bend, the desert blooms and is thine own.

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### Call for the Offering

### Reception of the Offering

### Offertory

“Wondrous Love”

American Folk Hymn

*Valerie Kraft Simonsen, soprano*

arr. Richard Walters

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.  
When I was sinking down, O my soul, O my soul,  
When I was sinking down, O my soul,  
When I was sinking down he lay aside his crown,  
He laid aside his crown for my soul for my soul, for my soul,  
He lay aside his crown for my soul.

## The Proclamation of the Word

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 26:36–46

page 832, pew Bible

Sermon

“The Prayer That Broke God’s Heart”

Dr. Robert Norris

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Rockingham

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.  
See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
His dying crimson, like a robe,  
Spreads o'er his body on the tree;  
Then I am dead to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to me.  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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## The Lord’s Supper

### Confession of Faith

*Let us together confess the faith of the church at all times and in all places*

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 the 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 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 on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic 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.

### The Invitation

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the gospels tell us that on the first day of the week, the day on which our Lord rose from the dead, he appeared to his disciples in the place where they were gathered and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Come, then, to the joyful feast of the Lord.

### The Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right for us to give thanks. It is our joy and our salvation at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, everlasting God, through Christ, our Lord.**

## Words of Institution

### Prayer of Consecration 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Distribution of the Elements

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Passing of the Peace

#### Hymn

“When My Love to God Grows Weak”

Aberystwyth

When my love to God grows weak, when for deeper faith I seek,  
Then in thought I go to thee, garden of Gethsemane.  
There I walk amid the shades while the lingering twilight fades,  
See that suffering, friendless one, weeping, praying there alone.  
  
There behold his agony, suffered on the bitter tree;  
See his anguish, see his faith, love triumphant still in death.  
And I praise with firmer faith; Christ who vanquished pain and death;  
And to Christ enthroned above raise my song of selfless love.

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#### Benediction

#### Postlude

“Postlude in E minor”

J. S. Bach

### Pastors

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