



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

*April 2, 2015*



# WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,  
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

### Prayer of Preparation

Holy Father, in Christ You call our name and then receive us as your own,  
Not through some merit, right, or claim, but by Your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse Your mercy-seat and find Him kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.  
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends  
To work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

*Adapted from Brian Wren*

## OUR LOVING LORD SERVES

ORGAN PRELUDE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" . . . . . Albin Whitworth  
"Lamento" . . . . . Denis Bédard

*Samuel Metzger, organist*

CHORAL MEDITATION: "No Greater Love" . . . . . Ethan Wickman  
*Text from John 15:12-13*

A greater love than this, hath no man, that he lay down his life for his friends.  
This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Gerry A. Peak

✦HYMN OF WONDER: No. 261 "What Wondrous Love Is This" . . . . WONDROUS LOVE

✦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . Select verses from John 13

Now before the Feast of the Passover,  
when Jesus knew that his hour had come  
to depart out of this world to the Father,

**having loved his own who were in the world,  
he loved them to the end.**

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands,  
and that he had come from God and was going back to God,  
rose from supper.

**He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel,  
tied it around his waist.**

Then he poured water into a basin  
and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them  
with the towel that was wrapped around him.

**"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:**  
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

**By this all people will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . WONDROUS LOVE

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

GREETINGS . . . . . Sanders L. Willson

RECEPTION OF NEW YOUTH MEMBERS

Richard Bragorgos, Garrott Braswell, Emma Grace Burgess, Haley Clift, Merrill Culpepper, Anna Claire Duke, Paden Duke, Bolton Gayden, Madison Grinder, Kathryn Haynes, David Holmes, Allie Johnston, Audrey Jones, Sarah Jordan, Jacob Jorgensen, Payton Kaye, Lucy Landrum, Will Nearn, Mary Moore Nelson, Emma Peebles, Tyler Rakers, Andrew Simpson, Stan Smythe, Mary Margaret Williams, Macy Williams, Henry Wood

**To be received Sunday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m.:** William Quinlen

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

### OUR AGONIZING LORD PRAYS

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . Mark 14:32-51  
*(page 851 in pew Bible)*

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

CHORAL MEDITATION: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” . . . . . arr. Moses Hogan

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me  
All along my pilgrim journey. Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me. When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me.  
Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*BJ Webster, soloist*

HOMILY

*The Agony of Gethsemane*

Richard G. Cain

## OUR LIVING LORD COMMUNES

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshippers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.*

### CHORAL MEDITATION: "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" . . . . . William Doane

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
Free to all — a healing stream — flows from Calv'ry's mountain.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,  
we confess that we have doubted Your care and love  
when facing our own bitter cups of suffering and pain.  
Pardon us for not keeping watch with You in temptation's hour.  
Instead of desiring Your will,  
we have been absorbed with our own.  
Forgive us for betraying our loyalty to You  
by loving other things and people more than You.  
Left to ourselves, we would run away in shame.  
Yet Your Son gladly stoops again to serve us  
by washing us with the waters of His blood.  
Cleanse us thoroughly for we pray in the blessed name  
of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

#### LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts,

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

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

On this night, Christ the Lamb of God  
gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.

**On this night, Christ gathered with the disciples in the upper room.**

On this night, Christ took a towel and washed His disciples' feet.

**On this night, He gave us an example  
that we might love each other as He has loved us.**

On this night, Jesus Christ gave us this holy feast,  
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup  
may participate in His life, death and resurrection,  
and, at the last day, may reign with Him in heaven.

**On this night, we come, in repentance and faith,  
to fellowship with our blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ.**

It is then our joyful duty that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in this dark world, has blessed us with light and life.

**Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify Your glorious Name;  
evermore praising You and saying:**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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 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.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION. . . . . PICARDY  
*Text by St. Thomas Aquinas*

**That last night, at supper lying, 'mid the twelve, His chosen band,  
Jesus, with the law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand;  
Then, more precious food supplying, gives Himself with His own hand.  
Word made flesh, true bread He maketh, by His word His flesh to be,  
Wine His blood; which whoso taketh must from carnal thoughts be free:  
Faith alone, though sight forsaketh, shows true hearts the mystery.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Gethsemane" . . . . . Adam Harvey

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone;  
'Tis midnight, in the garden now the suffering Savior prays alone.  
'Tis midnight, and from all removed, Emmanuel wrestles, lone, with fears;  
E'en the disciple that He loved heeds not his Master's grief and tears.  
'Tis midnight, and for others' guilt the Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;  
Yet He, that hath in anguish knelt, is not forsaken by His God.  
'Tis midnight, from heav'nly plains is borne the song that angels know;  
Unheard by mortals are the strains that sweetly soothe the Savior's woe.

SHARING OF THE CUP

CHORAL MEDITATION "Fairest Lord Jesus" . . . . . Charles Forsberg

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O thou God and man the Son!  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S WORK: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" . . . Keith and Kristyn Getty



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to  
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ily is my  
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the



stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that  
own. Once stran - gers chas - ing self - ish dreams; Now,  
crown. We fol - low in His foot - steps where



calls me as I am. For hands that should dis -  
one through grace a - lone. How could I now dis -  
prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -



card me hold wounds which tell me come. Be - neath the  
hon - or the ones that You have loved? Be - neath the  
fore us to be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the



cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.  
cross of Je - sus, see the child - ren called by God.  
cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Finale" (St. Matthew Passion) . . . . . J. S. Bach; arr. Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing

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