

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Maundy Thursday: The Thursday of Holy Week derives its name from the command Christ gave His followers to love one another, “Mandatum novum do vobis”—“a new commandment I give to you” (John 13:34). As the remembrance of our Lord’s institution of the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday is almost universally celebrated with the Lord’s Table.

Tenebrae, from the Latin meaning “shadows,” refers to the gathering of shadows during the Passion of our Lord. Scripture reveals the fulfillment of prophecy as the Lamb of God, the Son of Man, becomes the final sacrifice for our sins.

The **shofar**, an instrument usually made from the horn of a ram, was typically blown during important occasions in the Jewish year. During Passover, the shofar would blast from the temple pinnacle to announce the sacrifice of the lamb. When Jesus died at the ninth hour (3 p.m.), His death would have coincided with the evening Passover sacrifice. Amidst the veil of darkness and the torn veil of the temple, the loud blast of the shofar, according to tradition, would have also rung out: the prophetic significance sounding forth—
Jesus Christ was the perfect and final atoning sacrifice, the Lamb of God.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the sacrament of His body and blood; mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, who in these holy mysteries giveth us a pledge of life eternal; the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Prelude

Piano Concerto No. 2, "Andante" Dmitri Shostakovich
Stephen Nielson, piano • String Quintet

Choral Introit

"Kyrie Eleison"
Chancel Choir *Louis Vierne*

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Call to Worship

The Rev. Paul Goebel

Minister: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12.2

People: **For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.** Colossians 1.19-20



1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
 2. I love Thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



for Thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
 and praise Thee as long as Thou lend - est me breath;
 I'll ev - er a - dore Thee in heav - en so bright;



My gra - cious Re - deem - mer, my Sav - ior art Thou; —
 I love Thee for wear - ing the thorns on Thy brow; —
 and say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow: —
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow: —



if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
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*Responsive Prayer

Minister: Enlarge my heart, warm my affections, open my lips, supply words that proclaim “Love lustres at Calvary.”

People: There grace removes my burdens and heaps them on Thy Son, made transgressor, a curse, and sin for me;

Minister: There the sword of Thy justice smote the Man, Thy Fellow;

People: There Thy infinite attributes were magnified, and infinite atonement was made;

Minister: There infinite punishment was due, and infinite punishment was endured.

All: Christ was all anguish that I might be all joy, cast off that I might be brought in, trodden down as an enemy that I might be welcomed as a friend, surrendered to hell's worst that I might attain heaven's best, stripped that I might be clothed, wounded that I might be healed, athirst that I might drink, tormented that I might be comforted, made a shame that I might inherit glory, entered darkness that I might have eternal light.

*Prayer

*Decalogue Litany

All Singing:

**O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

Privately consider the meaning of each Commandment as it is read.

Then God spoke these words saying:

You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

All Singing:

**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.**

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet.

All Singing:

**What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.**

Please be seated.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2.24

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Pastoral Prayer

Mr. Davis

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: Cujus latus perforatum, unde fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine: O Ducis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei. Amen.

Hail true body, born of the virgin Mary. Truly suffering, was sacrificed on the cross for all, from whose pierced side flowed blood, be for us a foretaste (of heaven) in the final judgment. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

***Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:47-56; John 18:10-11**

Matthew 26:47-56

While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

⁴⁸ *Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The One I will kiss is the Man; seize Him."*

⁴⁹ *And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed Him.*

⁵⁰ *Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.*

⁵¹ *And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.*

⁵² *Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.*

⁵³ *Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels?*

⁵⁴ *But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"*

⁵⁵ *At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me.*

⁵⁶ *But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left Him and fled.*

John 18:10-11

Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

¹¹ *So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?"*

Meditation

"Through the Eyes and Ear of Malchus"

Mr. Goebel

***Hymn of Preparation**

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! — What won - drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; — to God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; — and when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

*The Service of Communion

So grant us, heavenly Father, to celebrate today the blessed memory and remembrance of Your dear Son, to engage in it, and to announce the benefit of His death, so that, as we receive a renewed increase and strengthening in faith and in all goodness, we might all the more confidently call You our Father anew, and glory in You, through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, in whose name we pray to You as He has taught us:

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 Great Thanksgiving

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up unto the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Minister: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, God of —



pow'r — and might, — heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the — high - est.

James MacMillan

Minister: Holy and Gracious God,

People: We do not come to Your Table trusting in our righteousness,
but resting in Your abundant grace and rich mercy.
Help us, O Holy Spirit, to earnestly examine
our repentance, love, and new obedience
that we may partake worthily. Amen.

The Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

*Please come forward as directed to receive the elements; and partake of each
when served, returning to your seat with your empty cup.
(The bread being served is gluten free.)*

During the serving of Communion:

“Summa”

Arvo Pärt

“Adagio rubato”

Ólafur Arnalds

“Home”

Ola Gjeilo

All Singing:

“The Power of the Cross”

Getty/Townend



1. O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ
2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear -
3. Now the day - light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes
4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for



on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
as its Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood. ____
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. ____
dead are raised to life— "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. ____
life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love! ____



Refrain

(v1-3) This the pow'r ___ of the cross: ___ Christ be - came ___ sin for us. ___
(v4) This the pow'r ___ of the cross: ___ Son of God ___ slain for us. ___



Took the blame, ___ bore the wrath; We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.
What a love, ___ what a cost! We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.

Please be seated.

Service of Tenebrae

Tenebrae ("shadows") signifies the three hours of darkness which covered the earth while Jesus hung on the cross as well as the literal darkness of the tomb.

Minister: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister: 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 the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given Me gall and left Me to thirst;
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**People: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy.** from *The Solemn Reproaches*

The Seven Last Words Spoken from the Cross

Sounding of the Shofar

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Scott/Digesare

Steve Williamson, *vocal* • Chancel Choir

Mr. Nielson, *piano* • Dr. Davy, *organ* • Instrumental Ensemble

*God in mercy sent His Son to a world by sin undone; Jesus Christ is crucified,
for sinners that He died. Let us pray.*

Lord have mercy, for we have placed all our hopes in Thee.

For our sin, we repent, O Lord; we believe Your holy Word.

Have mercy, Lord, we pray, and take all our sins away. Kyrie, Christe.

If You would mark iniquity O Lord, who could stand?

Mercy, like a fountain, flows from Your hand!

Silent Reflection

*After the candle has been lit, signifying the promise of resurrection
and victory of the Light of the World over death and the grave,
please depart in silence.*

**Please stand if you are able.*

**Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the
transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ
in Dallas and to the world.**

We thank the following musicians for their leadership in worship tonight:

Adrian DeCosta, violin

Sara Lam, violin

Ola Holowka, viola

Keira Fullerton, cello

Roger Fratena, bass

Owen Menard, French horn

Drew Lang, percussion

James Knabe, shofar

Stephen Nielson, piano

Brian Piper, piano

Dr. Nathan Davy, organ

My Song Is Love Unknown

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

*He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow;
But men cared not, and none the longed for Christ would know.
But, oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend!*

*Sometimes they strew His way, and His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry.*

*Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet all His deeds their hatred feeds; they 'gainst Him rise.*

*They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
Yet willing He to suffering goes, that He His foes from thence might free.*

*In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
In death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home, but mine the tomb wherein He lay.*

*Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.*

—Samuel Crossman, 17th cent.

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Good Friday Noon Service

12:00 - 12:35 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Dr. Sinclair Ferguson, preaching

Easter Sunday Services

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
(three identical services in the sanctuary)

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