

Maundy Thursday Service

April 1, 2021 at 7:00pm



Stushie Art

*First Presbyterian Church*  
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Adagio in D Minor*  
Nathan Pace, violin

Alessandro Marcello

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the growing darkness we gather.

**Many: Our Lenten journey has brought us here.**

One: Jesus our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:

a towel  
a bowl,  
bread,  
a cup.

**Many: He gives us an example**

**And a commandment ever-new:**

**To love one another as he has loved us.**

One: This is how we will know

we are his disciples,

**ALL: when we**

**love**

**each**

**other.**

## HYMN 216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**One:** Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak, but he is steadfast. Trusting in the unwavering love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

**Many:** **Lord Jesus, how well you know our hearts and still you love us - you have loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**SOLO**

*When I Survey*  
Ryan Ford, Tenor

Traditional

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**HOMILY**

Rev. Meredith Loftis

**HYMN 212***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

MARTYRDOM

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| <p>1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,<br/>And did my Sovereign die!<br/>Would he devote that sacred head<br/>For sinners such as I!</p> <p>2. Was it for sins that I have done<br/>He suffered on the tree?<br/>Amazing pity! Grace unknown!<br/>And love beyond degree!</p> | <p>3. Well might the sun in darkness hide<br/>And shut its glories in,<br/>When Christ, the great Redeemer, died<br/>For human creatures' sin.</p> <p>4. But drops of grief can ne'er repay<br/>The debt of love I owe;<br/>Here, Lord, I give myself away;<br/>'Tis all that I can do.</p> |
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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory

**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.**

**SERVICE OF COMMUNION****MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*The Old Rugged Cross*  
Nathan Pace, Violin

Arr. Malcolm Archer

**CLOSING COMMUNION PRAYER**

**God of love, during Holy Week, we give you thanks for this night Jesus shared with his disciples. Between the public parade and the public charade is this intimate hour. Though even now we do not fully understand, we long to follow his example: to serve as he served, to love as he loved. Jesus promised that if we know these things and do them, we will be blessed. Help us, then, to know and to do all that Jesus taught. Though we betray and deny, we will still come seeking a blessing, for this much we do know: we cannot live unless you bless us. Amen.**

**STRIPPING THE SANCTUARY AND ENTERING THE DARKNESS****MUSIC***When Jesus Wept*

William Billings

**REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE****DEPART IN SILENCE****EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH**

7:00am Sunrise Service on the Turnip Patch Deck  
8:00am Flowering of the Cross on State Street  
10:45am String Quartet Prelude and Flowering  
of the Cross

11:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary  
and by Livestream  
4:30pm Good News: A Virtual Easter Pageant  
by Zoom