

WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY THE LAST SUPPER

APRIL 17TH, 2025 ~ 7:30 PM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Robert Hebble

† CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your Anointed One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the sacrament of his body and blood. Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† HYMN NO. 233

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*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!*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God
and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will
sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll
sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll
sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice and my supplications, and has inclined his ear to me, whenever I called.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I beseech you, save my life!”

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest,

for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted”;

I said in my consternation, “All humans are a vain hope.”

What shall I return to the LORD for all my benefits?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-38

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You will never

wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 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.” For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.” 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? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.” Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Reverend Clark Chilton

† NICENE CREED

We face the cross and profess in unison

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

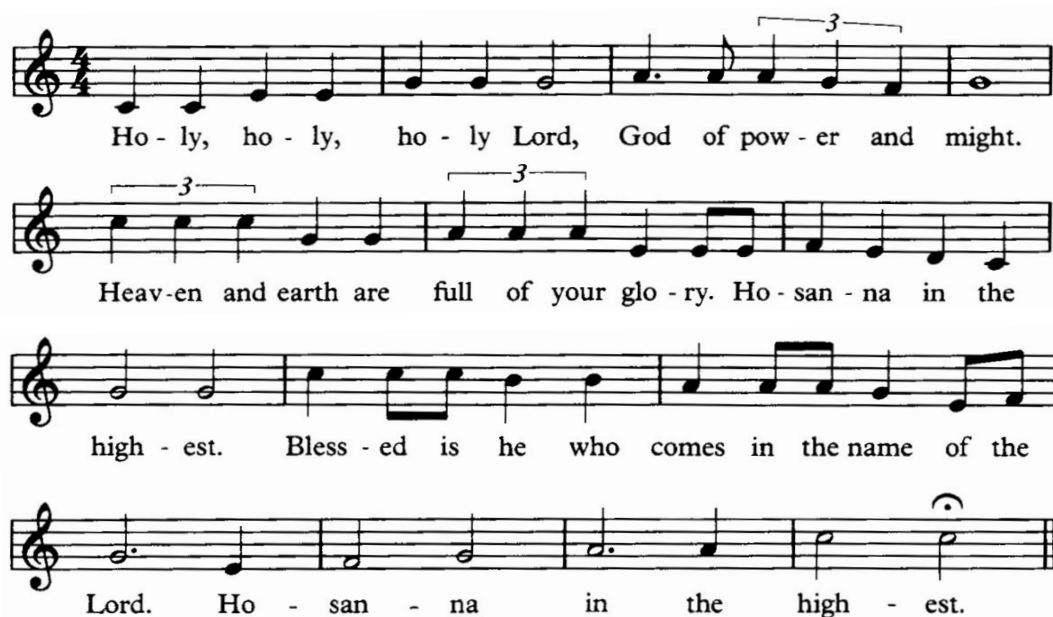
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, and gave grapes as evidence of the promised land.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When we had turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, you gave us in him your crowning gift. Emptying himself, that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Please be seated

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table, but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

SHARING THE EUCHARIST

Please come to the serving table and receive the bread and juice. Proceed to the next available station. If you need an individual cup of juice or a gluten-free wafer, please proceed to the center station. The communion rail is available for prayer.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Agnus Dei
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.
Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem, miserere nobis,
dona eis requiem.

Dan Forrest

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us; grant them rest.
Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace; have mercy on us;
grant them rest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† CLOSING HYMN No. 221

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

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?

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.

† BENEDICTION

Please depart in silence.

† Those who are able please stand.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

Rev. Clark Chilton, Contemporary Worship/Evangelism

Rev. Dr. Ken Lyon, Generosity/Church Vitality/Missions

Rev. Susannah Pittman, Congregational Care & Adult Spiritual Formation

Rev. Dr. Glenn Myers, Pastor of Visitation

Chancel Choir

Ms. Faith Woodberry-Crisp, soprano

Ms. Charli Mills, Director of Traditional Music & Worship Arts

Mr. Chris Ward, Organist

Mr. Wray Hodgin, usher

Mrs. Martha Bass, usher

Mr. Tom Mason, usher

Mr. Greg Smith, usher

Mr. David Robbins, acolyte

Mr. James Robbins, acolyte

Mr. Boone Chilton, crucifer

Mr. Hudson Kuennen, Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, April 18, 2025

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

Saturday, April 19, 2025

7:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Service (Sanctuary)
Candlelight service and baptismal reaffirmation

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Columbarium
7:30 a.m. TV Service on WGHP FOX8
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Fellowship)

Adorn our crosses for Easter Sunday

Help our crosses bloom on Easter Sunday! Bring flowers (purchased or from your garden) to adorn the crosses outside the Sanctuary and Bridge Cafe entrance starting Saturday, April 19, 2025.

On Easter Sunday, enjoy a free digital image and 4x6 photo print from a professional photographer. Photos will be taken by the flower crosses outside the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall after the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services (refreshments provided). We look forward to celebrating with you!

Easter Offering: Rebuilding Lives

This year's Easter Offering theme is Rebuilding Lives, as we seek to make an impact locally, regionally, and globally through your generosity.

Locally, we are supporting Commander Peace Academy, a relatively new organization located on English Road. We have been very impressed with their work. The academy provides programs for at-risk young men and women, offering structure, mental support, educational opportunities, and essential life skills.

Regionally, we are continuing our support of neighbors in Western North Carolina as they rebuild their lives— both materially (through housing) and emotionally (through mental health support). As shared in the bulletin and other church publications, you have an opportunity to serve these individuals during Easter weekend. (To sign up, you may call the church office and leave your name and number.)

Globally, we are once again supporting the Good Samaritan Clinic in the Dominican Republic. Two years ago, Wesley Memorial helped rebuild their clean water system, which now serves Batey 7 and the surrounding area. This year, we will provide much-needed medications for those receiving care at the clinic, which is staffed by a single full-time physician. Two of our own members recently returned from serving there and described it as a life-changing experience.

We are so blessed at Wesley Memorial to have a congregation that is committed to sharing Christ's love and hope in so many ways. Thank you for your continued support.

– The Community Impact and Mission Team

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