



# J. J. WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday  
March 28, 2024 \* 6:00 PM

## Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cassie Alston

Prelude

*Darkest Hour*

arr. Joel Raney

Call to Worship

This is a day of remembrance for us.

**We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us: water for washing; the towel for service;

**the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.**

\*Hymn No. 744

*Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

WAYFARING STRANGER

Call to Confession

Even among Jesus' closest disciples, not all were clean. On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint, deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord. Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another. **Amen.**

## Word

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon

*A New Commandment*

Rev. Cassie Alston

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal, p. 14

\*Hymn No. 805 (Gloria Patri)

*Glory Be to the Father*

GREATOREX

Anthem

*Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)*

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayers of the People

## Eucharist

The Invitation to the Offering

What shall we offer for God's goodness to us? Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Offertory

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Howard Helvey

\*Hymn No. 809 (Doxology)

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

+The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Stripping of the Church

The candles are extinguished, and paraments are removed as the congregation sits in silent prayer.

All depart in silence.

\*Please stand as you are able.

+Gluten-free bread is available.

## Announcements

*“I give to 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, that you love one another.” John 13:34-35*

### Welcome to Worship!

We welcome all who worship with us this evening. To our visitors, we extend a special welcome and invite you to join us again. Please fill out a blue card on the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate so that we may contact you.

### Upcoming Worship Events

Good Friday, 3/29	6:00 PM	Good Friday
Easter Sunday, 3/31	10:30 AM	Easter/Resurrection of the Lord
		Bridget Regan, soprano
		Jeremy Threlfall, tenor
		Dr. LaTannia Ellerbe, violin

### Session

Rev. Cassie Alston – Moderator	Watkins “Noggin Wild – Clerk	Wayne Hutchison – Treasurer
<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>
Melisa Decoux	Tommy Brock	Sarah Ross
Suzi Drummond	Linda Miller	Dr. Robbie Decoux
Whitney Rawlings	Watkins “Noggin’ Wild	Sam Daniel

**Questions for Reflection:** For Jewish people, Passover is a day of remembrance and celebration. For Christians, every Lord’s Supper is also a day of remembrance and celebration. Both Jews and Christians are enjoined to hand on to the next generation what we have received from God. When do you first remember receiving the Lord’s Supper? What words, phrases, memories, or practices of this sacrament do you especially wish to pass on to the next generation?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Each day, O Lord, I wash my feet, my hands, and head almost without thinking. It is a routine of the morning, ordinary, even perfunctory. This morning make me newly aware of the water that pours out and over, spilling in abundance, washing me clean. As I go through this day, place before me an opportunity to serve someone – family member, friend, neighbor, or stranger. Help me bend to another’s need without seeking gain or advantage. And, if someone should offer to serve me in some way, give me a heart open and vulnerable enough to receive what is offered in kindness, all for love’s sake, which is for your sake. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

God of love, thank you for knowing us fully and loving us to the end. On this night of the Christian year especially, I am grateful to be part of the community of Jesus’ disciples. Thank you for all those who handed the faith on to me, and those who continue to teach me by example what it means to serve you and to serve one another. Thank you for making a place for me at your table, even though I fall short of what you have called me to be and to do. In evening’s rest, I remember that, for Jesus, no rest would come this night or tomorrow. Yet, in forgiveness and love, he is always with us, the light shining in the darkness. Amen.

(Long, Kimberly Bracken, ed. *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year B, vol. 1*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014, p. 120-121.)

### Liturgy for the Three Days

The liturgy for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil proclaims one dramatic story in three acts. The events of these three days are best understood as one service, unfolding over the course of three days. Through this profound and transforming experience at the heart of the Christian year, we are immersed in the holy mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection and the great story of God’s saving love. (*The Book of Common Worship*. Prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018, p. 273.)

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