

# The Worship of God

GINTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Maundy Thursday • April 1, 2021 • 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 820 4139 6153 Password: GPBC

## WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

*In preparation for Communion later in the service, have your bread and drink with you and easily accessible.*

## LIGHTING THE TENEBRAE AND CHRIST CANDLES

*Light six candles/lamps, designating one to represent the Christ Candle which will remain lit throughout the service.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a night to remember.

**We remember the meal Jesus shared with his disciples.**

We remember his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

**We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.**

We remember his arrest and trial.

**We remember his suffering and the denial of his friend.**

We remember his sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing and then nailed high on a cross to demonstrate his love.

**We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us.**

## CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

**Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us – you have loved us to the end. We confess we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we are often stuck in our old ways. Forgive us the times we have denied you. Have mercy on us for the times we have betrayed you. Release us from our bonds; open us to the way of your kingdom and the freedom of your love.**

**MUSIC**            "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"            *arr. Walz*  
Frederick D. Horn, Piano

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Friends, believe the good news of God.

**In Jesus Christ, we are made whole. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-30

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, 'Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' He said, 'Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

**HYMN**            "Let Us Break Bread Together"            LET US BREAK BREAD  
The Discovery Singers

**Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:39-42, 47-48, 52-53

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the

one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?” Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

*Extinguish one candle/lamp.*

**MUSIC** “Jesus Paid It All” *arr. Sterling*  
The Virginia Baptist Male Chorale

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 22:54-62

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, ‘This man also was with him.’ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know him.’ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, ‘You also are one of them.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’ Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, ‘Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I do not know what you are talking about!’ At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

*Extinguish one candle/lamp.*

**MUSIC** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *arr. Keveren*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 22:66-71, 23:20-24

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, “If you are the Messiah, tell

us.” He replied, “If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” All of them asked, “Are you, then, the Son of God?” He said to them, “You say that I am.” Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!”

Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.” But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

*Extinguish one candle/lamp.*

**MUSIC** “Were You There?” *arr. Keveren*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 23:33-47

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come

into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

*Extinguish one candle/lamp.*

**MUSIC** “Surely He Died on Calvary” *arr. Hogan*  
The Moses Hogan Chorale

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 23:50–55  
Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid.

*Extinguish one candle/lamp. Only the Christ Candle should be burning at this time.*

**MUSIC** “When I Survey the Wonderous Cross” *arr. Gilbert*  
The St. Olaf Choral Ensembles

#### **SILENT REFLECTION**

*The Christ Candle reminds us that still the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.*

#### **RECESSIONAL**

*A bell will chime to signal the service has concluded. You are welcome to remain as long as you wish. When you do choose to depart, please leave the Zoom meeting in silence and without comment.*

## **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**

*Holy Week is a time of special solemnity as we anticipate and observe Christ’s death on the cross and then await his resurrection on Easter morning. We will conclude Holy Week with our Easter celebration on April 4 via [Zoom](#) at an earlier time, 9:00 am. In worship together, may we embrace the stillness, the mystery, and the surprise of that first Easter morning.*

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### **Instructions for Zoom**

**Please Note:** *to reflect the solemnity of the service, all participants will be muted as they join. Those who volunteer to read scripture will need to make sure they are unmuted before beginning*

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