

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Maundy Thursday A Service of Holy Communion

April 13, 2017

Worship Theme: *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread... after supper he took the cup... For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.* —from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26



Gathering Music: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*.....arr. Burkhardt
Shirley Wilson, Organist

Silent Processional

Anthem: *When Jesus Wept* William Billings
Redeemer Choir

When Jesus wept, the falling tear
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;
When Jesus groaned a trembling fear
Seized all the guilty world around.

***Call to Worship** (*responsively*)..... Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Congregation: **Happy are all who take refuge in Him.**

Liturgist: Let us bring our praise to God.

***Hymn No. 97:** *Go to Dark Gethsemane* REDHEAD

Anthem: *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs*..... Antonio Lotti
Redeemer Choir

Surely he hath borne our griefs,
And carried our sorrows.

—Isaiah 53:4

Call to Confession: Hebrews 4:14-16 Thomas Brooks

Confession (*personal/silently and corporate/unison*) Thomas Brooks

We will begin by silently confessing our personal sins.
Then, we will join in a unison prayer of corporate confession.

God of life, we admit to You and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end.

Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, Your "Love Incarnate." Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: With joy, let us declare with confidence:

Congregation: **God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.**

Liturgist: Therefore, we are assured that our sins are forgiven, that we are brought to new life in Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson: John 13:34..... Thomas Brooks

***Passing of the Peace** (*responsively*) Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: With the joy of knowing His love, let us greet each other in Jesus' name.

Congregation: (*turning to face each other*)

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Anthem: *Beautiful Savior*.....David Allen
Redeemer Choir

Beautiful Savior! King of creation!
Son of God and Son of Man.
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He make the sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations.
Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, Praise adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Scripture: John 14:1-4, 15-21Marykay Stahl

A Reading from: *The Passion of Jesus Christ*
by John Piper..... Lisa Gordon

***Hymn No. 101:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....HAMBURG
(Verses 1, 2, and 3)

The Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*debts/debtors*)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, given for you.*

As you pass the bread, please say to the next person:
"The body of Christ, given for you."

Upon receipt of the bread, please eat it without waiting, as a sign of your individual and personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

(...continued over...)

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer Following Communion

and Benediction..... Robert LeSuer

***Hymn No. 101:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.....HAMBURG
(Verse 4)

"When they had sung a hymn, they went out..." —Matthew 26:30

Please depart in Silence to Await the Resurrection of Our Lord

As our Maundy Thursday Service concludes, we invite the congregation to please leave in silence and contemplation.

This service will conclude on Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m. with the festival celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us that day in honor of our Redeeming Lord.

* *Congregation please stand, if you are able to do so.*

