

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

In Preparation For Worship

Great God of the covenant, in you we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, in the new and living way He opens to us through His sacrifice on our behalf. With true hearts in full assurance of faith, sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water, we hold fast to our confession of hope. You have promised new life and you can be trusted! We cross the threshold and enter the sanctuary to sing you our praises. Be pleased with our worship as we honor your name.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation:

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” (arr. Robert Powell)

Invocation

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Yet, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Leader: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

People: To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

*Hymn of Praise

“What Wondrous Love Is This?” #215

* Unison Prayer of Confession: Eternal God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Daily we awaken to the new life you give us, yet we fail to be thankful for the rest we have received. Moments await our decision to serve you, yet time passes away as we think only of ourselves. Our routine affords us the change to minister to others, yet we are absorbed with our own self improvement. The day is soon passed; it has been much the same as the others. Forgive us for casting aside the precious time you give us each day.

Assurance of Pardon

Dedication

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Adult Choir
(arr. Craig Courtney)

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

Reading of the Word:

Deuteronomy 21:23

Matthew 22:37-40

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Exposition

*Hymn

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

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Preaching of the Word **The Cross**

Prayer of Application

Washing of Hands

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration

“Were You There?”

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*Benediction

*Congregation will stand

We will leave in silence.

Please join us on Easter, either at the 7:00 a.m. Sunrise service, the 8:30 a.m. service, or the 11:00 a.m. service.

We will be celebrating communion at the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

All are also welcome to join us for the Cross Walk on Friday, 12:00 p.m., at the Virginia Avenue Church of God, or 2:15 p.m. on Facebook Live for the Virtual Cross Walk, and at the Easter Carnival and Walk Through Jerusalem on Saturday, at 1:00 p.m.