

Maundy Thursday

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Jesus Is the Christ”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Isaiah 53)

Surely he has borne our iniquities, and carried our diseases.
He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole
and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way
And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

***HYMN #64**

“Abide with Me”

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER

God, whose gracious love for us embraced that long and lonely journey to the cross, gather us close to you in this Holy Week when once more we make that journey in meditation and recollection.

Help us to contemplate again the way taken by our Savior: the false charges against him, the fear and flight of the disciples, the kiss of betrayal, the crown of thorns, the purple robe. In such contemplation give us courage to face those times in our own lives he received no less at our hands. Help us also to remember that you have gone before us, and so we look to you for compassion and forgiveness, knowing you are able to save. Amen.

Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:12-25

***HYMN #404**

“Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Communion Prayer
Partaking of the Sacrament

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:32 – 42

HYMN #189

“Tis Midnight; and on Olive’s Brow”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:53-65; 15:1-5

“The Verdict”

“The Crucifixion”

***CLOSING HYMN #201**

“Were You There?”

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“He’s the Christ”

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

Wednesday – Friday of Holy Week

“Jesus Is Anointed”

“The Last Supper”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Hymn *“It Happened on that Fateful Night”* (Tallis’ Canon)

*It happened on that fateful night,
When power of earth and hell arose
Against the Son, our God’s delight,
And friends betrayed him to his foes*

*Before the bitter scene began,
He took the bread and blessed and broke.
What love through all his actions ran!
What wondrous words of love he spoke!*

*“My body broken for your sin
Receive and eat as living food.”
He took the cup and blessed the wine,
“Share this new testament, my blood.”*

*“Do this,” he said, “till time shall end,
Remembering your dying friend;
Meet at my table and record
The full obedience of the Lord.”*

*O Lord, your feast we celebrate
We show your death, we sing your name
Till you return, when we shall eat
The marriage supper of the Lamb.*

