

Maundy Thursday

March 24, 2016

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE

"Lamb of God"

L. Cornwall, Piano

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 #280**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

(Choir sings the first two lines; congregation sings the last two lines)

***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 that 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 - Wednesday

SCRIPTURE

Jesus and the Temple

Matthew 21:12-17, 23-27

SCRIPTURE

The Anointing

Matthew 26:17-19

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Jesus Is Anointed”

Thursday

SCRIPTURE

Preparation and Passover

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Ministry of Music

“The Last Supper”

Communion Prayer

Partaking of the Sacrament

HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of Bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great “I AM,”

While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,

And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,

And through eternity I’ll sing on.

SCRIPTURE	Gethsemane	Matthew 26:30, 36-46
MINISTRY OF MUSIC		<i>“Prayer of Gethsemane”</i>
SCRIPTURE	The Betrayal and Arrest	Matthew 26:47-56
SCRIPTURE	Trial Before Caiaphas	Matthew 26:57-68
MINISTRY OF MUSIC		<i>“The Verdict”</i>

Friday Morning Soon After Dawn

SCRIPTURE	Jesus Before Pilate	Matthew 27:1-2, 11- 26
HYMN #194		<i>“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”</i>

Friday Midday

SCRIPTURE	The Crucifixion	Matthew 27:32-54
MINISTRY OF MUSIC		<i>“The Crucifixion”</i>

Friday Before Sunset

SCRIPTURE	The Burial	Matthew 27:57-61
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE		<i>“Were You There?”</i>

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.