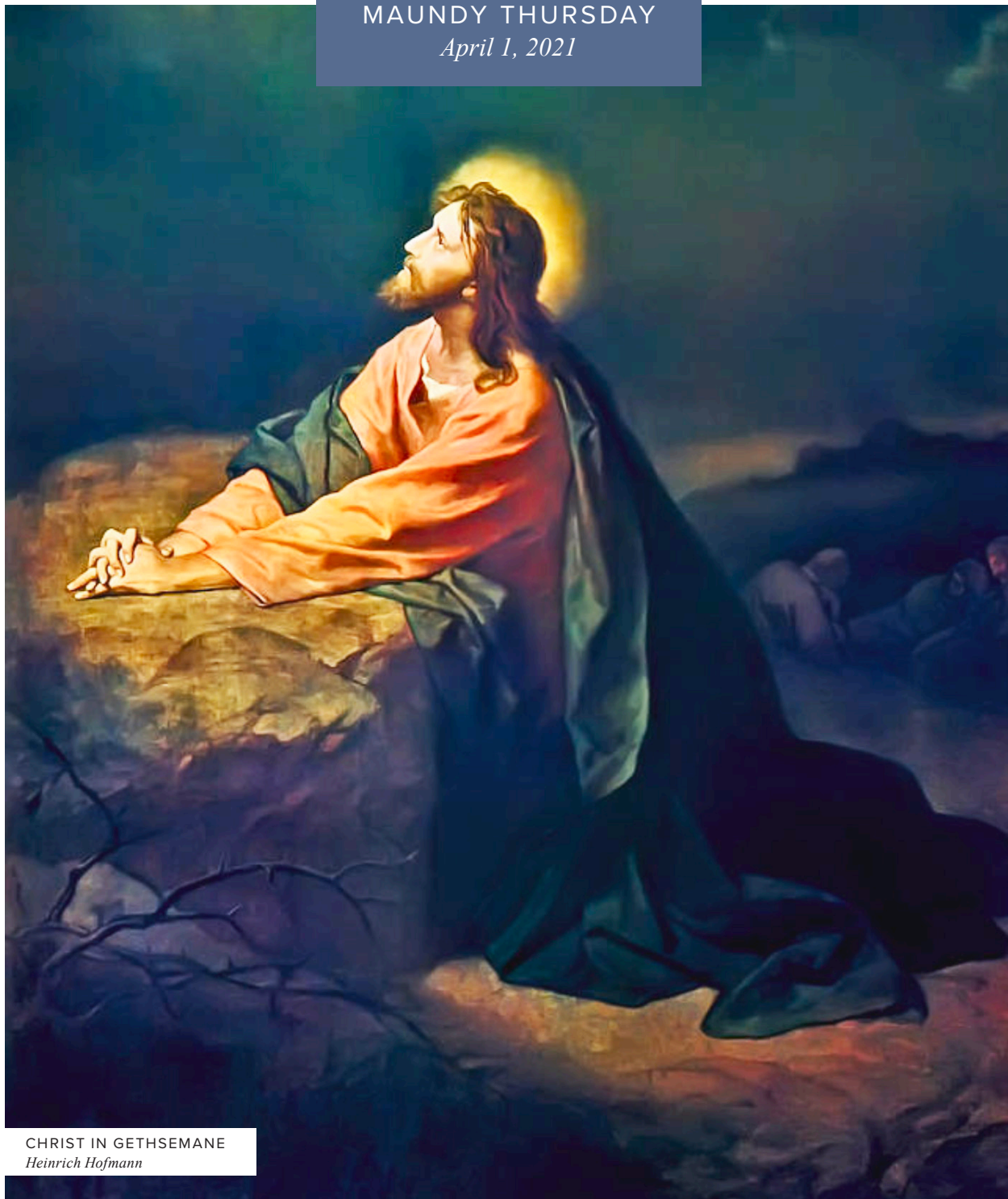




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MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 1, 2021



CHRIST IN GETHSEMANE
Heinrich Hofmann

For Christ, for His kingdom, and for the common good. Since 1785.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†VOLUNTARY

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
Johannes Brahms

†INTROIT

Christ, Mighty Savior
David Hurd

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation, you make the daytime radiant with the sunlight and to the night give glittering adornment, stars in the heavens. Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection, while in the heavens choirs of stars appearing hallow the nightfall. Therefore, we come now evening rites to offer, joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you, with all creation joining hearts and voices singing your glory.

*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Ryan Moore

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

All: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

All: Happy are those who take refuge in him.

*HYMN

Abide with Me
EVENTIDE

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see. O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

FIRST LESSON

Dr. Stuart Gordon

Betrayal Foretold

¹⁷ Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover. ²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹ And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so." — *Matthew 26:17–25*

ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

C. Hubert H. Parry

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee. O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity interpreted by love!

SECOND LESSON

Dr. John Musgrave

The Last Supper

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. – *Matthew 26:26–30*

HYMN

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything no gifts no pow'r no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward I cannot give an answer?
But this I know with all my heart his wounds have paid my ransom.**

THIRD LESSON

The Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

Denial Foretold

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."³³ Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."

³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same. – *Matthew 26:31–35*

ANTHEM

Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us, O Lord

Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure: for we confess our sins unto thee, and hide not our unrighteousness: for thy mercy sake deliver us from all our sins.

MEDITATION

Back to the Future

Dr. Ryan Moore

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM

from *St. Matthew Passion*

J.S. Bach

And as they were eating, he took of the bread; blessing it, he brake it, and gave the disciples, and said: Take ye, eat ye. This is my body. And he took the cup, and blessing it, he gave it them and said: Drink ye, all of it; this is my blood of the new testament. Know ye, this blood is shed for many for remission of sins. I say to you, that from this day henceforth, no more will I drink the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it anew with you within my Father's kingdom. When comes my hour of parting, then part thou not from me. When shades of death are dark'ning, thy steps my guide shall be. When anxious fears shall rend me, and close my heart enchain, oh, then do thou befriend me through thine own grief and pain.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FOURTH LESSON

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?

⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." – *Matthew 26:36–46*

ANTHEM

Call to Remembrance, O Lord

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord,
for thy goodness.

FIFTH LESSON

The Rev. Adam DeVries

Judas Betrays Jesus, Who Is Arrested

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled. – *Matthew 26:47–56*

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

**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!**

SIXTH LESSON

The Rev. Sarah Bird Kneff

Jesus Is Interrogated by the High Priest

⁵⁷ Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?" – *Matthew 26:57–68*

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**

SEVENTH LESSON

The Rev. Joshua Rodriguez

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” ⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. — *Matthew 26:69–75*

*The sanctuary will be stripped of its liturgical elements to symbolize the darkness,
betrayal and loneliness that our Savior experienced on Maundy Thursday.
May the power of this symbolic act help prepare our hearts for the Passion of Good Friday.*

*HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane
REDHEAD

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s power;
your Redeemer’s conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**

**Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete;
“It is finished!” hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Please depart in silence.

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HOLY WEEK 2021



GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 2
12:00 p.m. (*livestream*) | Sanctuary

Good Friday is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. The hours of noon to 3 p.m. are particularly significant as these commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. During worship we will be reading and reflecting on the seven last words of Christ from the cross.

EASTER | APRIL 4
6:30 a.m. | Front Porch*
8:00, 9:30 (*livestream*), 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. | Front Porch*

The Resurrection of the Lord (or Easter Sunday) is the center of our Christian year. On this occasion the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

*Registration has reached capacity for indoor Easter services. Please join us at an outdoor service.
Please bring your own chairs for outdoor services.

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First Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. We are delighted you have chosen to join us in worship. Whether you are a guest or a longtime member, fill out the Connect Card (found in the pew racks) to get more involved, update your contact information, or sign up for church communications. Drop your completed Connect Card in the offering basket located in the Narthex.

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