



Independent
Presbyterian
Church
Birmingham, Alabama

April 1, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

GATHERING

The pews marked "Reserved" are available for seating. Please follow the blue tape designations in each pew as much as possible. Thank you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord Jesus Christ, as you wash the feet of your disciples make us ready to follow you, loving and serving one another in your name. Amen.

PRELUDE - "Adagio for Strings".....Samuel Barber
The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

WELCOME.....Dr. Goyer

GREETING

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Seamon

Minister: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

People: **Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.**

* HYMN 202 - "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"O WALY WALY

1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
3. And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
4. No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still gath - er
bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may bow us
too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be made com -
yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our Fa - ther's

there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
ple: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*All Singing*)..... Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
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-on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Wilkins

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - "Ubi caritas" Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.
Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen. *The Antiphonary*

SECOND LESSON - John 13:1-17; 34-35.....Dr. Goyer

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY - THE HANDS OF JESUS Dr. Goyer

*HYMN 209 - "My Song Is Love Unknown"LOVE UNKNOWN



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
2. He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
3. Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
4. Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
5. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O, who am I that for my sake my
know. But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh and die?
at my need his life did spend!
for his death we thirst and cry.
he his foes from thence might free.
all my days could glad - ly spend.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLERev. Clayton

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Minister:

The Lord be with you.
- People:

And also with you.
- Minister:

Lift up your hearts.
- People:

We lift them up to the Lord.
- Minister:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People:

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The minister continues in prayer.

SANCTUS (*All Singing*).....Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly,

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Lord God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full__

10

__ of__ thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to

14

thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed__ is he that

18

com - eth__ in__ the name__ of the Lord.

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Ho - san - na in the high - est

The minister continues in prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The minister continues in prayer, and then all pray together:

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, for ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*All Singing*).....Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on
us. O Lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

"O Sorrow Deep!"David Hurd
O sorrow deep! Who would not weep with heartfelt pain and sighing! God the Father's only Son in the tomb is lying. The Paschal Lamb, like Isaac's ram, in blood was offered for us, pouring out his life that he might to life restore us. Blest shall they be eternally who ponder in their weeping that the glorious Prince of Life should in death be sleeping. O Jesus blest, my help and rest, with tears I pray thee, hear me: Now, and even unto death dearest Lord be near me.

Traditional, tr. composite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister: God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE PARAMENTS

PSALM 22.....Tone IV

All depart in silence. The service continues on Good Friday at noon.

**Congregation standing*

THE LAST ELEMENT to be removed during the liturgical stripping of the sanctuary is the Bible, God's Word, starkly symbolizing the reality of Christ's suffering and death for those who believe.

INSTEAD OF serving Communion by intinction, baskets with pre-packaged communion elements are available as you enter the sanctuary narthex.

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Maundy Thursday

The Thursday before Easter is commonly called "Maundy Thursday" because of the command of Christ in the Upper Room, given to his disciples following the washing of the feet and the departure of Judas Iscariot, and recorded in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin *mandatum* which is also the beginning of the text of Christ's command in Latin, and so is the beginning of the first antiphon of the ceremony of the washing of the feet in the Latin Church: "*Mandatum novum*" ("a new command"). The word is similar to the Scottish and North English word, "*maun*," meaning "must." It is related to "mandate," "mandatory" and "mandamus," which all derive from Latin *mandare*, to command. Since there are several commands of our Lord associated with the Last Supper, the word "maundy" has been associated with them all, chiefly: "This do in remembrance of me," which was his command at the breaking of the bread, and is the command associated with the inauguration of the holy sacrament. Since the sacrament was first ordered then, at the table on Thursday evening, this is thought of as the primary command or mandate having significance for the day. But one other command has historical association also with the Thursday name because of the annual observance on that night of foot-washing ceremonial: "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." Thus Maundy Thursday has become "the day of the mandate," *dies mandati*.

The Rev. John N. Lukens
Pastor, Independent Presbyterian Church, (1948 - 1967)

Good Friday

12:00 noon - A Penitential Service

Easter Day

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Participants in Tonight's Service

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Adult & Comm. Ministries
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director, Music and Fine Arts
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