

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.

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

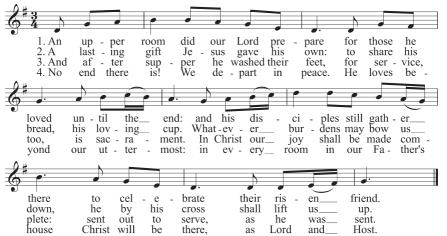
CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Seamon

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



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.



DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Minister: The Word of the Lord.

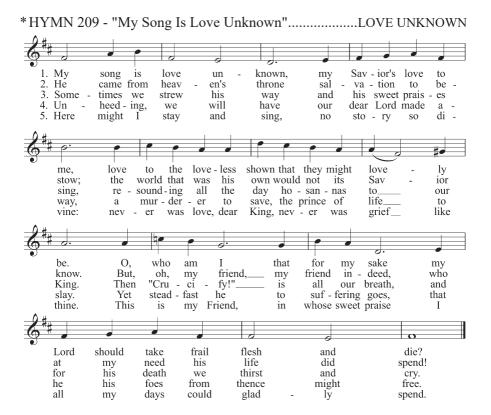
People: Thanks be to God.

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*

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

HOMILY - THE HANDS OF JESUS Dr. Gover



THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLERev. Clayton

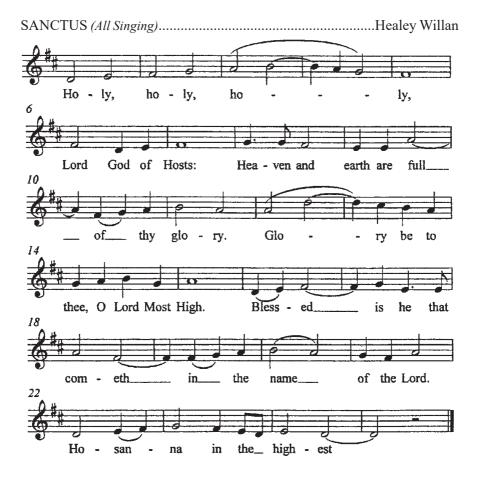
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

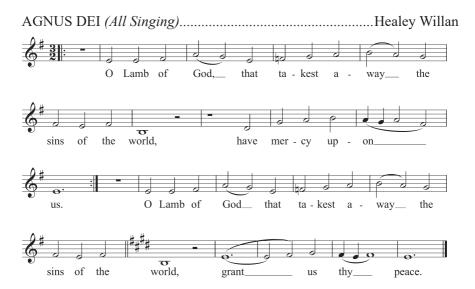
Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

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.



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

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

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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