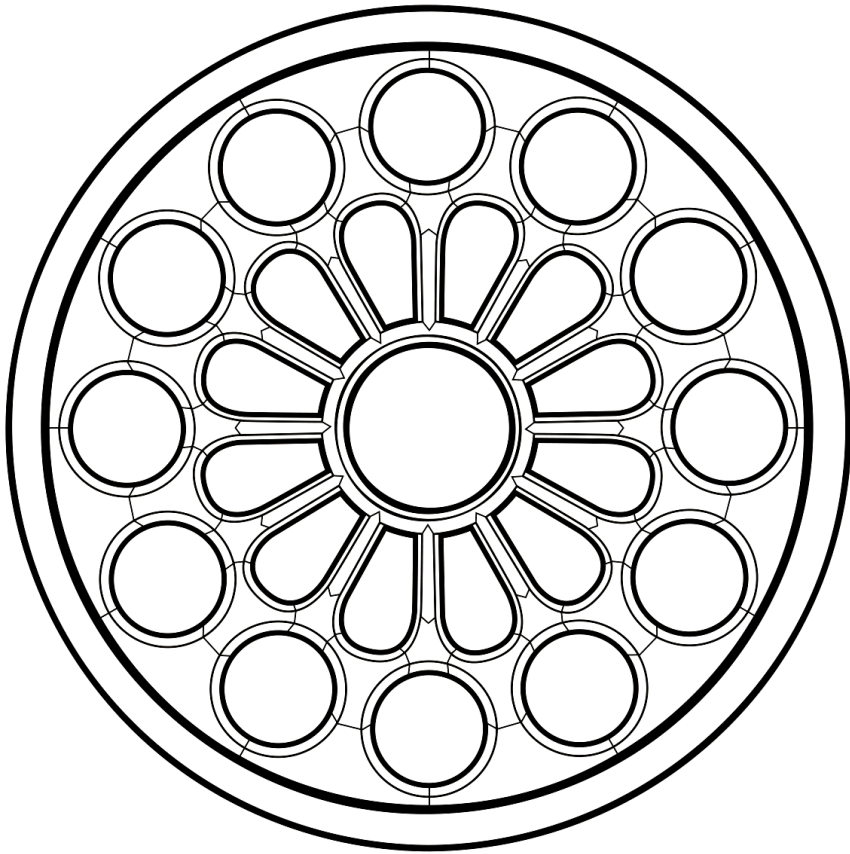




MAUNDY THURSDAY

COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday Service

April 17, 2025

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

Welcome and Instructions

God Calls Us

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for
worship because He makes
worship possible through
Jesus Christ. God also
invites us to worship and
we find several invitations
to worship in Scripture.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 59.16-17

LEADER: I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of
your steadfast love in the morning.

**PEOPLE: For you have been to me a fortress and a
refuge in the day of my distress.**

LEADER: O my Strength, I will sing praises to you,

**PEOPLE: For you, O God, are my fortress, the God
who shows me steadfast love.**

*Hymn of Reflection

Abide With Me
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*Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

As we worship God we
cannot help but see how we
have fallen short of His
glory. His Holy
Scripture reveals this to
us and points our
hearts towards confession.

Call to Confession

Isaiah 53.6

LEADER: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have
turned - every one - to his own way;

**PEOPLE: And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity
of us all.**

Corporate Confession of Sin

From the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; spare those, O God, who confess their faults, restore those that are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Sung Confession

Agnus Dei
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Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 11.28-30

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

Hymn

If Ye Love Me (John 14.15-17)
By Thomas Tallis (1565)

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever;
E'en the sp'rit of truth.*

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 12.1-14

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Homily

by Pastor Travis Hutchinson

BLOOD AND GENES

*Hymn of Response

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
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The Lord's Table

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

PEOPLE: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,

[†] "catholic" -- universal

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Instruction

Please approach using the outer aisles and return using the center aisle. Juice is served in clear cups. Wine is served in tinted cups. Gluten free bread is available next to the tray.

Sursum Corda

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Institution and Prayer

The Distribution Hymn

Ave Verum Corpus
W.A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death.*

My Song Is Love Unknown
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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,
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul!

Sursum Corda

We don't fixate on the
table, bread, and wine, but
lift our hearts to Jesus in
the glory of His Father.

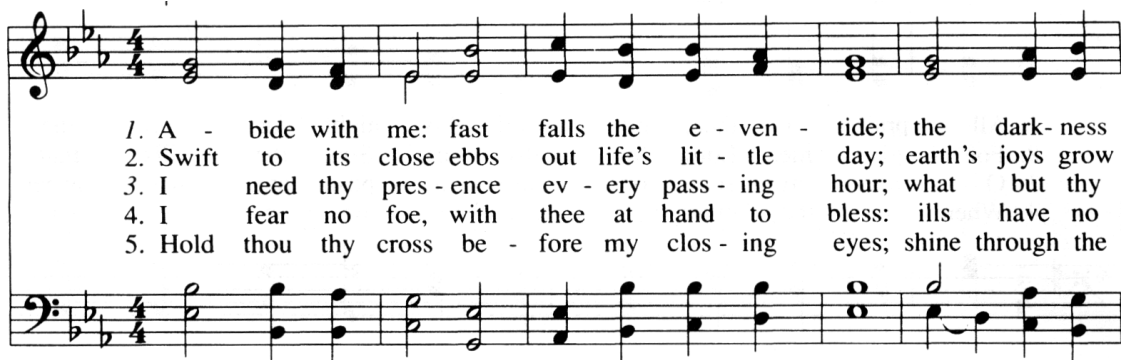
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb who is the Great I Am,
While millions join the theme
I will sing!

God Commissions Us

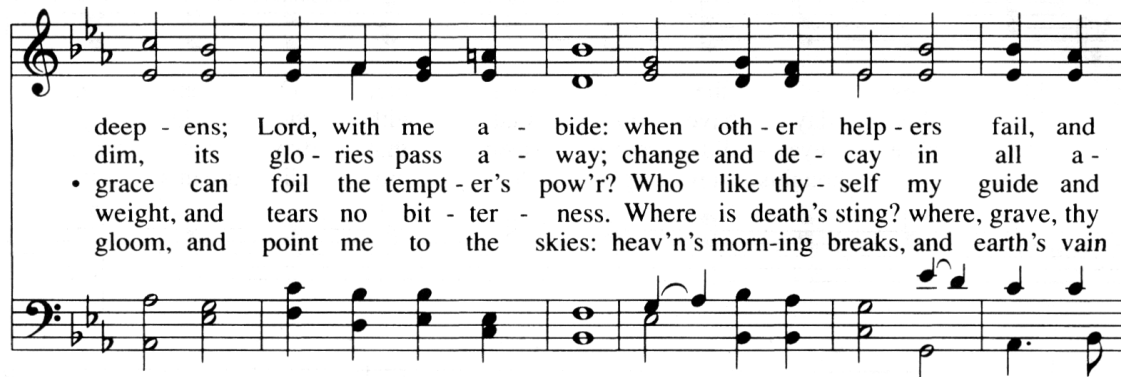
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Dismissal

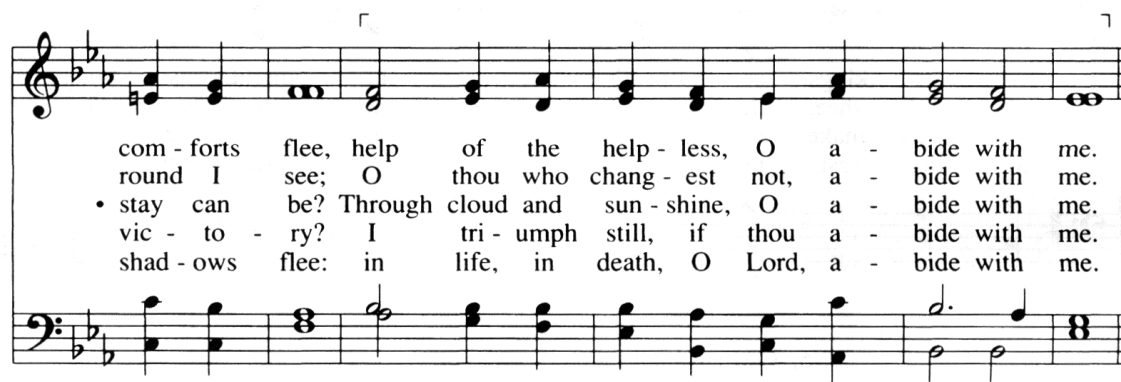
Abide with Me



1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide; the dark-ness
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day; earth's joys grow
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour; what but thy
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless: ills have no
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; shine through the



deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide: when oth - er help - ers fail, and
 dim, its glo - ries pass a - way; change and de - cay in all a -
 • grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r? Who like thy - self my guide and
 weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness. Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
 gloom, and point me to the skies: heav'n's morn-ing breaks, and earth's vain

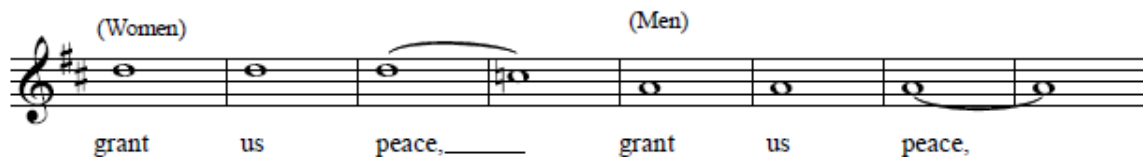
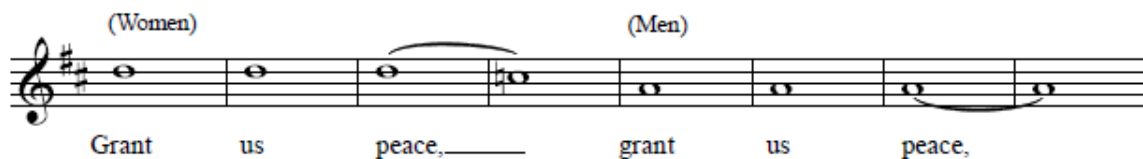
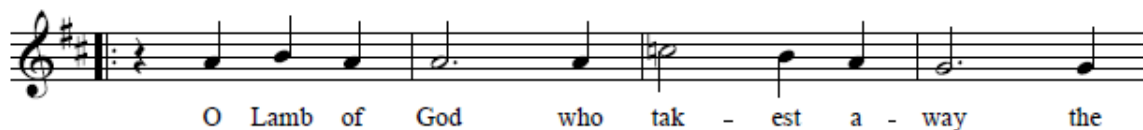


com - forts flee, help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 round I see; O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 • stay can be? Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 vic - to - ry? I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 shad - ows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

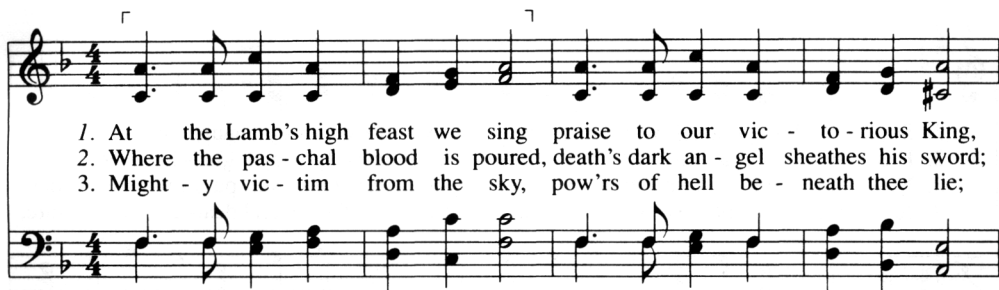
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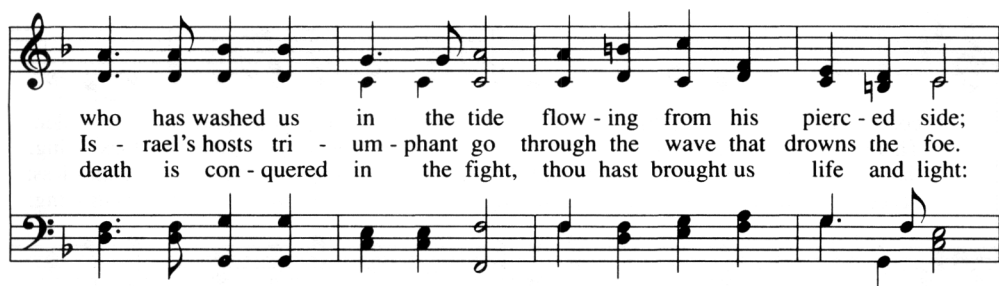
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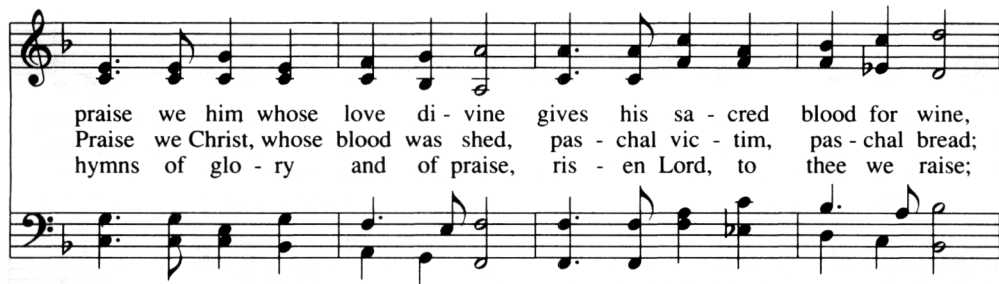
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



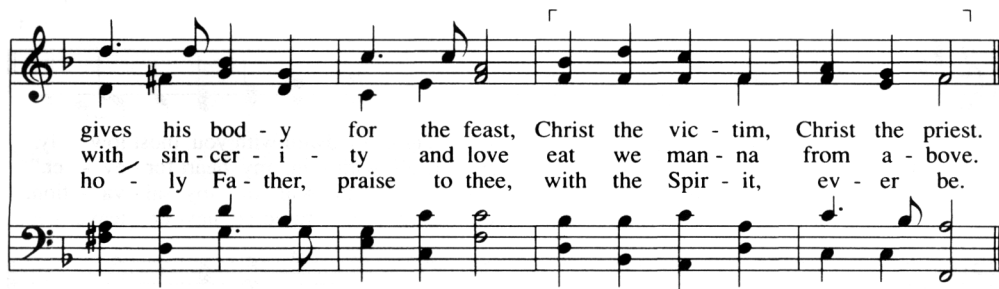
1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
 2. Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
 3. Might - y vic - tim from the sky, pow'rs of hell be - neath thee lie;



who has washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
 death is con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:



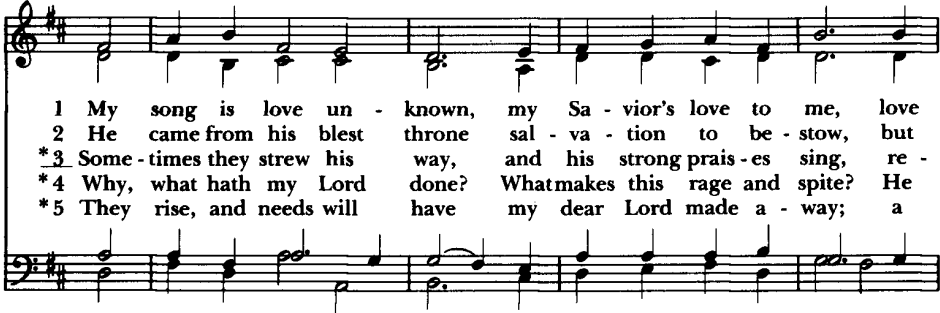
praise we him whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal vic - tim, pas - chal bread;
 hymns of glo - ry and of praise, ris - en Lord, to thee we raise;



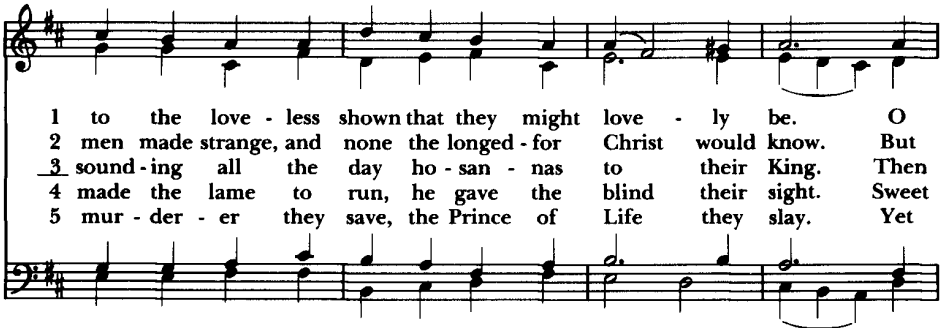
gives his bod - y for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 ho - ly Fa - ther, praise to thee, with the Spir - it, ev - er be.

My Song Is Love Unknown

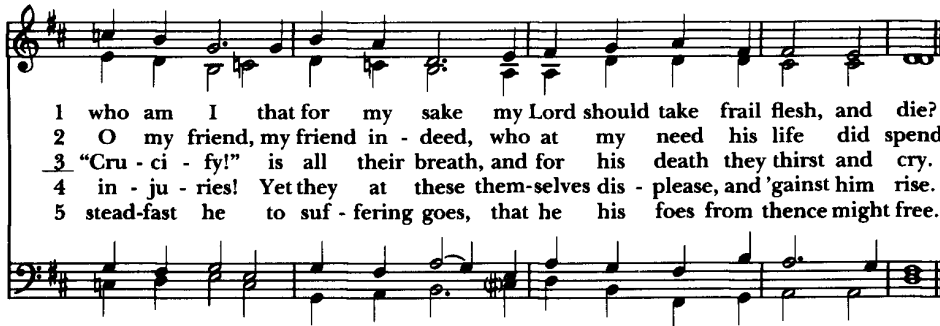
Unison or harmony



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead-fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

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