

Holy Wednesday

Order for the Public Worship of God

March 27, 2024 · 12:00 p.m.

PRELUDE: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Johannes Brahms

Molly Pennington, organ

INSTRUMENTAL INTROIT: "My Song Is Love Unknown" arr. Molly Ijames

*My song is love unknown—my Savior's love to me; love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

*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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP Brian Lewis

✦HYMN: No. 212 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" NEAR THE CROSS

**Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream—flows from Calvary's mountain.**

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.**

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.**

✦INVOCATION

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 7:22-25
(page 1004 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

**Holy and merciful God,
in Your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against You.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON I John 1:9

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

VOCAL MEDITATION: "Before the Throne of God Above" arr. James Ryan

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me;
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless Righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God;
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Carrie Weber, soloist

HOMILY: A Complete Salvation. Brett Wynne

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN: No. 214 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" MARTYRDOM

**Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!**

**Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree!
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.**

**Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears;
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.**

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Herzlich tut mit verlangen" Johannes Brahms

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists:

*Molly Pennington, organ and piano; James Ryan, violin and piano;
Dee Walker, flute; Nik Weber, guitar; Robb Roaten, bass*

Maundy Thursday Evening: March 28
6:30 p.m. Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Good Friday: March 29
12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Egg Hunt: March 30
10:00 a.m. on the Poplar Field

Easter Sunday: March 31
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Memphis Botanic Garden
Please bring a chair or blanket for seating.
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary
No Sunday School or Evening Service

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