

The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island
April 1, 2021
Maundy Thursday
Communion and Stations of the Cross

Prelude

Go to Dark Gethsemane

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Opening Prayer

Leader: Oh God, this night is filled with somber memories and fearful hope. Let us remember.

People: When we remember that we are made of clay and that all flesh is grass, we tremble. But when we also remember that you are known through the witness of the scriptures and the fellowship of bread broken and the cup shared, we rejoice.

Leader: May your presence fill our hearts as it filled that home in Emmaus when, in the breaking of bread, their eyes were opened and they recognized Christ.

People: As you accept us in the eating of bread and the drinking of wine, help us, at this table, to make the acceptance of ourselves and of each other complete, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Reading from Scripture

I Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right, good, and joyful thing ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and holy is your child, Jesus Christ, ... Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us... we praise your healing and gracious name. **Amen.**

Words of Institution & Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Redhead

*Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, What 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 Christ to bear the cross.*

*Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracles of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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A journey through Jesus' final moments of life depicted in art and spoken reflection. As we go to dark Gethsemane, we follow our Lord, imagine his footsteps, and reflect together upon the depths of God's love.

Station 1: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-41, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 2: Jesus is Betrayed by Judas and Arrested

Mark 14:43-46, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 3: Jesus is Denied by St. Peter
Matthew 26:69-75, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 4: Jesus is Judged by Pontius Pilate
Mark 15:1-5, 15, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 5: Jesus is Scourged at the Pillar and Crowned with Thorns
John 19:1-3, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 6: Jesus Bears the Cross
John 19:6, 15-17, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 7: Jesus Meets the Woman of Jerusalem
Luke 23:27-31, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 8: Jesus is Crucified
Luke 23:27-31, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 9: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief
Luke 23:39-43, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 10: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Beloved Disciple
John 19:25-27, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 11: Jesus Dies on the Cross
Luke 23:44-46, Reflection, and Prayer



Station 12: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb
Matthew 27:57-60, Reflection, and Prayer



Postlude

Leading Worship:
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Pastor – Ashley Sanders

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