

MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.

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*Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.
Write this commandment in our hearts;
give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all,
who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever.*

** Please stand as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 17, 2025

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love

arr. G. Smoke

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Karen Ogle

All: Jesus said:

**I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you should also love one another.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust.
Jesus taught us how to serve, but we fail to follow his example.
Jesus showed us how to love, but we fail to keep his commandment.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Wash us clean in your mercy, so that we will be faithful disciples
and share in the life you offer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(A time of private confession)

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

(Please share the peace of Christ with one another).

✠ THE WORD ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Madison Roberts

SCRIPTURE John 13:1, 2b–15, 34–35 (NRSV) Pew Bible, pp. 937

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Leader:

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

HOMILY

Rev. Madison Roberts

✠ **EUCCHARIST** ✠

***HYMN 207**

Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine (vv. 1-4)

TENEBRAE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT 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.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good

and made us in your image to live together in love

You made a covenant with us,

and even when we turned from you,

you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy (HYMN 552)

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

A. Mozart

✠ TENEBRAE ✠

FIRST READING

John 13:1-9, 12-17

Margaret Kaz

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father.

Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him.

And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

“Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.”

Simon Peter said to him,

“Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” . . .

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

“Do you know what I have done to you?

You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am.

So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

SECOND READING*John 13:21-30*

Karen Ogle

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit,
and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.”

The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking.
One of his disciples – the one whom Jesus loved – was reclining next to him;
Simon Peter therefore motioned to him
to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.

So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”
Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread
when I have dipped it in the dish.”

So when he had dipped the piece of bread,
he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot.

After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him.
Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.”
Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him.
Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse,
Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”;
or, that he should give something to the poor.

So, after receiving the piece of bread,
he immediately went out. And it was night.

THIRD READING*John 13:31-35*

Margaret Kaz

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified,
and God has been glorified in him.

If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself
and will glorify him at once.

Little children, I am with you only a little longer.

You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,
‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”

FOURTH READING*John 13:36-38*

Karen Ogle

Simon Peter said to him,
“Lord, where are you going?”

Jesus answered, “Where I am going,
you cannot follow me now;
but you will follow afterward.”

Peter said to him, “Lord,
why can I not follow you now?
I will lay down my life for you.”

Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me?
Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows,
you will have denied me three times.”

FIFTH READING*John 14:1-7*

Margaret Kaz

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.
And you know the way to the place
where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord,
we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you will know my Father also.
From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

SIXTH READING*John 14:15-21*

Karen Ogle

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know

that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me;
and those who love me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

SEVENTH READING*John 14:25-31a*

Margaret Kaz

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’

If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father,
because the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it occurs,
so that when it does occur, you may believe.

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming.
He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me,
so that the world may know that I love the Father.”

“This is my commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
I do not call you servants any longer,
because the servant does not know
what the master is doing;
but I have called you friends,
because I have made known to you everything
that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you.
And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last,
so that the Father will give you
whatever you ask him in my name.
I am giving you these commands
so that you may love one another.”

“I have said these things to you in figures of speech.
The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures,
but will tell you plainly of the Father.

On that day you will ask in my name.
I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;
for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me
and have believed that I came from God.
I came from the Father and have come into the world;
again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.” . . .

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said,
“Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,
since you have given him authority over all people,
to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.
So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory
that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world.
They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.
Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;
for the words that you gave to me I have given to them,
and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world,
but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.
All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.
And now I am no longer in the world,
but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.
Holy Father, protect them in your name
that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. . . .”

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples
across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden,
which he and his disciples entered.

SOLO

Above All
Allison Sanders, soprano

Michael W. Smith

Please depart in silence.
Our Holy Week observances continue tomorrow, Good Friday, with a service
of worship at 6:00 PM.