

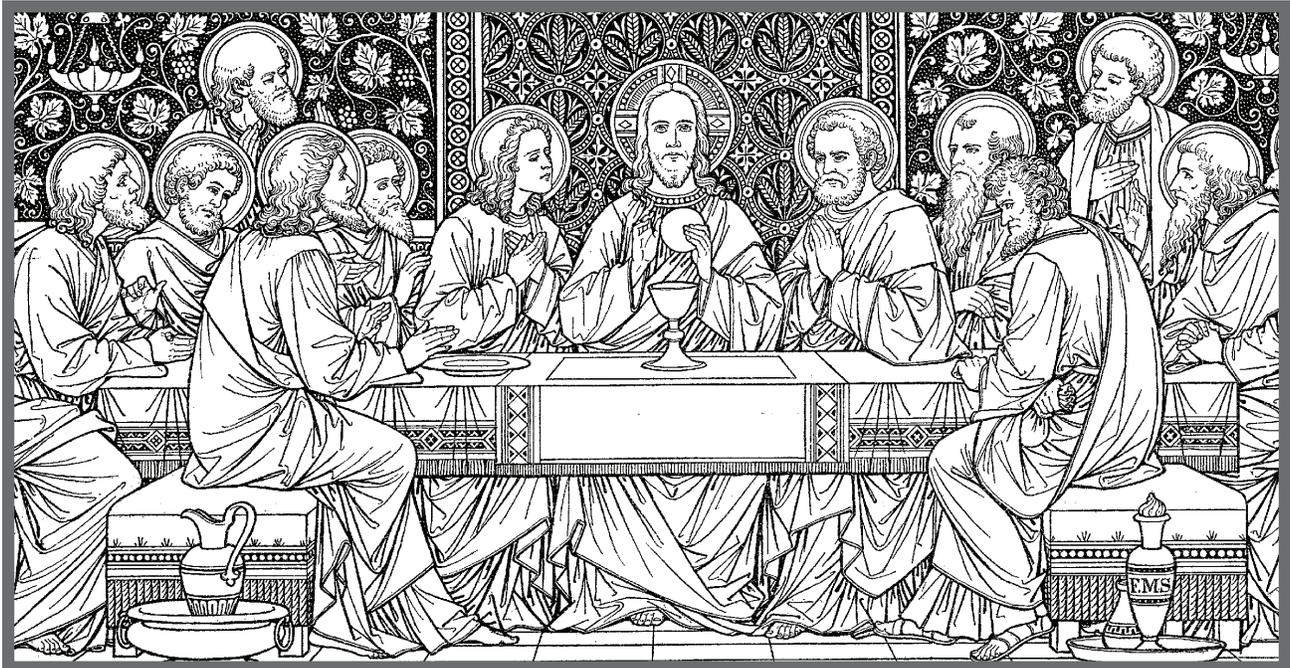


HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

MARCH 24, 2016

6:30 PM SERVICE



The Communion of the Apostles from Missale Romanum

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the great Easter celebration. The word “maundy” is derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, the first word of the Latin phrase, “*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos*” (“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you”), the statement used by Jesus in John’s gospel to explain the significance of washing the disciples’ feet. Maundy Thursday is also the night that Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper with the words, “Do this in remembrance of me.” As a way to remember that night all the worship articles and adornments are removed from the altar. This symbolizes both the suspension of Holy Communion, which is not celebrated on Good Friday, and the abandonment and humiliation of Jesus Christ.



We Welcome Our Guests

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith.

We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.

- † All children are welcome to stay in worship, or a nursery is provided for ages 4 and younger. An usher will be happy to direct you there. Children ages 4 to 2nd grade are encouraged to come to the chancel when called to the Children's Moment and may then attend Children's Church or return to be with their family.
- † Children's bulletins, books and crayons are available from the ushers for use in worship.
- † Please pick up a guest welcome bag after worship to learn more about Highlands. Feel free to call or email the church with any questions or pastoral care needs. We would love to have the opportunity to visit with you.
- † Parking is free on Sundays at all metered street spaces near the church, at the Hotel Highland Parking Deck on Magnolia Avenue and in the Highlands Bar and Grill lot on 11th Avenue South.

ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON
LITURGISTS – THE REVEREND DEB WELSH AND REGGIE HOLDER
CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

*Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

Serving for Altar Guild: Nancy Hill, Donna Sibley

Serving as Ushers: George Gaskin, Mattie Gaskin

Serving as Communion Stewards: Laura Long, Reina McFarlan, Michele Nailen

Serving as Acolytes: Warren Laird, Mary-Kate Laird, Michele Nailen, Stephanie Braswell

Sacred Dancers: Joanna Ellis, Kaitlyn Robinson, Elizabeth Archer

Serving as Verger: Brian Bellenger

Chimer: Richard Fender

PRELUDE AND PROCESSION

Fantasia in G Minor
BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' **Matthew 26:39b-41**

*HYMN 623

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee, vs. 1-3

PENITENTIA

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*KYRIE (*Sung by The Choir*)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Text, Traditional Latin

COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalm 116
(Sung by the Choir, the people remain seated.)

Plainsong (Tone VIIIg)

*I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *I came to grief and sorrow. Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *our God is full of compassion. The LORD watches over the innocent; *I was brought very low, and he helped me. Turn again to your rest, O my soul. *for the LORD has treated you well. For you have rescued my life from death, *my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast, vs. 1-4

HULSEY
Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

*THE PEACE

The Lord Jesus after he had supped with his disciples and washed their feet said to them, "I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. Love one another, as I have loved you."

*The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.
Reconciled by his love, let us offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Reverend Deb Welsh

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

The Choir

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Ti me amus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. Amen.

Translation: Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear and let us love the living God. And let us love Him with a sincere heart.

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Text, Traditional Latin

*DOXOLOGY 95

OLD 100TH

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Musical Communion Setting C: Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. might.

Heav - en and earth are full full of your glo - ry. Ho -
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore gracious Lord, so to receive the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei
The Choir

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Text, Traditional Latin

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

ANTHEM

Ave Verum
The Choir

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine;
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine; Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

*Translation: Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the cross Thy sacred Body,
For us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the Blood and water streaming from
Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy Body broken, now and in death's agony.*

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Text, Traditional Latin
English translation by Norman Greyson

ORGAN SOLO

Chorale Prelude on UBI CARITAS

Gerald Near (b. 1956)

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

*HYMN 289

Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 1-2

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 22:47-53

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!"

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR (seated)

Organ Improvisation on O Sacred Head Now Wounded

All are asked to depart in silence.



Vision Statement

Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ; a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ to be sent into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors; and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.



Highlands
Lenten Services

Good Friday Worship, March 25 at noon

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae, March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27 at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
featuring members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra