

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maunder Thursday

The Benefit of Love Psalm 103

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in bold is spoken in unison.

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

April 6, 2023

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00PM

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (*You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.*)

Oh God, our God, we pray that this time of worship will be a true offering of our wonder and praise that You should care for us so deeply and so faithfully. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prayer of St. Gregory

A. HOVHANESS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is a night to remember.

All: We remember the Passover Jesus shared with His disciples.

One: We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup.

All: We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer.

One: We remember His arrest and trial.

All: We remember His suffering and the denial of His friend.

One: We remember His sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing
and then nailed high on a cross to cancel our sins.

All: We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us.

† **HYMN 83**

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, How passing thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take, Our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp He knew, For us the tempter overthrew.

For us to evil power betrayed, Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death, For us gave up His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent the Spirit here To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, we have lost our way. At the foot of the cross, we stand with all who have forgotten You and forsaken the way which You offer to us. Forgive us, Lamb of God, and fill us with the mercy, the hope, and the grace You poured out for us, as You gave Your life for the sins of the world. Teach us to love and serve You faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example You have set for us.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

This is the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven!

† HYMN 579

Glory Be to the Father
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 103

Pew Bible p. 517

SERMON

The Benefit of Love

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please wait until everyone has been served and then we will share in the bread and cup together as a sign of our unity in Christ Jesus. There is a gluten-free option in the center of the tray.

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.

† A LITANY FOR HOLY WEEK

One: Jesus' face turns toward the cross.

Many: Even if we wish to look away, we shall not.

One: We will watch what comes although our hearts may break.

Many: In the breaking, we shall be made whole.

All: This is our blessing, that Love endured death for us.

† HYMN STF 2198

Stay with Me
Stay with me, remain here with me, Watch and pray, watch and pray.

BERTHIER

A TIME OF SHADOWS

As we read Matthew's account of the Passion of our Lord, we will experience the growing shadows of sin and this world's darkness gathering around Jesus. For those worshipping with us online, we invite you to join us in extinguishing lights or candles after each reading, ending in darkness.

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Matthew 26:30-35

Aidan Collins

HYMN 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane (Verse 1)

REDHEAD

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's power:
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

THE SHADOW OF AGONIZING SPIRIT
HYMN 93

Matthew 26:36-45
Ah, Holy Jesus (Verse 1)

Katie Hodges
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, Holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL
HYMN 93

Matthew 26:46-50
Ah, Holy Jesus (Verse 2)

Andrew Allen
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL
HYMN 97

Matthew 26:69-75
Go to Dark Gethsemane (Verse 2)

Sophia Collins
REDHEAD

Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION
HYMN 92

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-26
Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Verse 2)

Nolan Collins
ST. CHRISTOPHER

Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH
SPECIAL MUSIC

Matthew 27:39-50
Behold the Lamb

Layla Collins
KEITH AND KRISTYN GETTY

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us.
And we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
Chorus: So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you;
Eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one. (Chorus)

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you;
Drink and remember, He drained death's cup that all may enter in,
To receive the life of God. (Chorus)

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, to respond and to remember,
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ, as His body here on earth,
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again.
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, around the table of the King. (Chorus)

DARKNESS

We will sit in darkness together for a minute until you hear the tolling of the chimes. This is the only worship service of the liturgical year that does not end with a benediction as we journey through Good Friday and await Jesus' Resurrection on Sunday morning.

Please use the **CONNECT** cards in the pews to let us know about prayer requests or areas of interest. If you are a visitor, please also include your contact information and help us get to know you better! You can place completed cards in the offering baskets.

Children's activity bulletins and large print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

The Hope Women's Resource Clinic's annual **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** began this week! Grab a baby bottle from one of the tables around the sanctuary and return it by the end of the month with spare change, cash, or a check. Donations help provide material assistance, healthcare, and services to mothers, babies, and families in need.

St. Andrew's collects the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**, a PCUSA special offering, on Easter Sunday. Donations are split between hunger relief, disaster assistance, and human development. Please be generous!

Join us for a potluck **EASTER BRUNCH** at 9:30AM on Easter Sunday! Families with names starting with A-M, bring something savory; those with names starting with N-Z, bring something sweet.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Bobbie Wied, Bill McIlrath, James Hackman, Shelley Plunkett, Peg Towers, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Bob Fisher, Eleanor Alexander, Kay Long, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Mickey Shuffield, Tina Workman, Brenda Allen, Chase Hoyt, Madeline Johnson, Kay-Alana Turner, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Mary and Tom Hayden, Thomas Fisher, Karen Thompson Butler, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Esmee Foster

St. Andrew's Calendar

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00PM Brass Rehearsal

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

8:30AM SETX Food Bank

6:00PM Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

9:30AM Easter Brunch

10:30AM Worship

11:30AM Meet and Greet

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023

EASTER MONDAY - OFFICE CLOSED

10:00AM Monday Group

5:30PM Strings After School

6:30PM La Hacienda

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

11:00AM Nancy Hale Service

5:15PM Strings After School

5:30PM Finance and Property

6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

9:30AM Dayschool Chapel

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

6:30PM Worship Team

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

8:30AM MOW Cooks

10:00AM MOW Delivers

5:00PM Nominating Team

6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor

Melissa Hoyt, Office Administrator

Deanna Weitzel, Day School Director

Thomas Furlow, Music Director

Rachel Clark, Admin Assistant/Pianist

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30AM - 4:30PM

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