

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Maundy Thursday*

To the Cross  
Luke 23:44-49

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 28, 2024

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30PM

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

Lord Jesus, we struggle to follow You. Send Your Holy Spirit to walk with us as we walk with You down the dark road that leads to the cross. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

MOODY

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: A table is set before us.

**Many: A feast is prepared for us.**

One: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

**Many: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.**

One: As we break the bread and share the cup,

**Many: We will never forget Jesus' example.**

**All: We will never forget the full extent of Christ's love.**

inspired by John 13

† **HYMN 101**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

When I survey the wonderous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. When we have failed to serve as Jesus served, forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us, forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied Him by our actions, forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by Your Spirit to be steady and true to You in every time of trial, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† 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

Luke 23:44-49

Pew Bible p. 908

SERMON

To the Cross

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Hunter Bradford

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)*

Hallei Neely  
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)*

Dorisa Neely  
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)*

Jude Reese  
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)*

Dan Yoder  
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  
*Were You There?*

Sarah Pember  
ARR. KERRY LEWIS

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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.

**THE NURSERY** is located near the sanctuary and is available for children ages 0-5. Children's activity bulletins and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

Join us for a potluck **EASTER BRUNCH** at 9:30AM on Sunday. Families with names starting with A-M, bring something sweet; those with names starting with N-Z, bring something savory. Afterwards, worship the Risen Savior with us in the sanctuary at 10:30AM!

Don't forget! **ST. ANDREW'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP** applications are due by April 5. If interested, visit the church website or contact Martha Pate for more information.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Family of Tom Cobb, Betty Wells, Family of Shelley Plunkett, Family of Norma Murphy, Mike Dove, Ken Nichols, Bob Fisher, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Kay Long

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** David Cobble, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Madeline Johnson, Val Rayzor, Mary Kennedy, Mickey Shuffield, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Esmee Foster

## St. Andrew's Calendar

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024**

6:00PM Choir Rehearsal

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024**

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

9:30AM Easter Brunch

10:30AM Worship

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00PM Day School Board Meeting

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024**

10:00AM PW Coordinating

5:30PM Strings After School

5:30PM Fellowship Team

6:30PM C.E. Team

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024**

8:15AM SOP Soup Kitchen

9:30AM Day School Chapel

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

6:30PM Mission & Evangelism

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024**

8:30AM MOW Cooks

10:00AM MOW Delivers

6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

### CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor

Thomas Furlow, Music Director

Rachel Stiles, Admin Assistant/Organist

Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant

Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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