

**Calvary Baptist Church
University Presbyterian Church**



Thursday, April 2, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Herzliebster Jesu

arr. Phillip B. McIntyre

Ah, Holy Jesus

Were You There

Were You there When They Crucified my Lord?

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor James and Pastor Gibson

Call to Worship

Sister Sharon Hayes

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

Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever. This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another. This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dennis Erickson

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: Draw Me Nearer

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine. [Refrain]

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend! [Refrain]

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee. [Refrain]
Source: African American ecumenical hymnal

CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Invitation

Skylar Jones

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Prayer

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy,

forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(There follows a moment of silent personal confession)

The Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace and Greetings:

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Voluntary

Just As I Am

arr. Phillip B. McIntyre

(As God's forgiven people we extend the peace of Christ to one another saying, "the peace of Christ be with you".)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Ginna Coon

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (p. 58 of the OT in pew Bible)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Brother Aidan Walker

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Erin Walker

(p. 173 of the NT in pew Bible)

Gospel Reading: John 13:1-17 (p. 107 of the NT in pew Bible)

Pastor James

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Here I am to Worship

Sermon

Hymn #525 Let Us Break Bread Together

Prayers of Intercession:

Chairman Richardson, Matt Smith

Liberating and redeeming God, we give thanks that you hear the cries of your people. Therefore, in our time of trial, we call upon your name, saying: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you delivered our ancestors from slavery and led them to a land of promise and plenty, liberate all who are captive or oppressed and bring them to a place of abundant life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you saved your people from death on the night of the Passover, redeem us from sin and death through Jesus Christ the Lamb. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord stooped down to wash his disciples' feet, teach us to love and serve our neighbors with Christlike compassion and humility. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Christ the Lord has handed on to us a feast of grace in his body and blood, help us to share with all who hunger the gifts we have received from you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our liberator and redeemer, we give thanks that you have heard our cry. Continue to lead us from death to life eternal, and let our lives be a sign of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARIST

The Invitation:

The Lord said to Moses: This shall be a day of remembrance for you, you shall celebrate it as a festival of the Lord.

Paul says to the Church: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Great 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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You made us in your image, and freed us from the bonds of slavery. You claimed us as your people, and made covenant to be our God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, and brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. When we forgot your covenant you spoke through prophets, calling us to turn again to your ways. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

The Sanctus:

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
Gm F Eb F Gm Cm



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)
Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F



pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
Eb F Gm Cm F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
Gm F Gm F Eb



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)
F C Cm F



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
Gm Cm F Dm7 G



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

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In humility he descends from your heights, to kneel in obedience to love's commands.

He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin. He who is free takes our place in death's prison. He who is risen leads us to eternal life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Memorial Acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith:



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as love commands.

Bound to Christ, set us free for joyful obedience and glad service. As Jesus gave his life for ours, help us to live our lives for others with humility and persistent courage.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection,

when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Words of Institution

When Jesus was at table with his disciples he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. Whenever you do this, remember me. In the same way he took and poured the cup, saying: Take and drink. Whenever you do this, remember me. Now, whenever we eat and drink at this table, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn #227

Jesus, Remember Me

(Sung during the receiving of the elements)

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Stripping of the Church

*The candles are extinguished, and all linens,
paraments and banners are removed*

Closing Prayer:

Sarah Smith

Eternal God, your Son cried out in anguish from the cross, and you delivered him. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you. By his death and resurrection bring life where there is death: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of oppression, that all people may rejoice in your saving deeds through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Please stand or rise in spirit as you are able and feel so led.

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PASSION Week

2026

WORSHIP WITH US

- PALM SUNDAY • MARCH 29TH • 10:00 AM**
• Featuring the "Parade of Psalms"
- MAUNDY THURSDAY • APRIL 2ND • 7:00 PM**
• Joint Service at UPC
- EASTER EGGSTRAGANZA • APRIL 4TH • 1:00 PM**
- RESURRECTION SUNDAY • APRIL 5TH**
 - 6:00 AM - Sunrise Communion & Worship Service with First Shiloh Baptist Church
 - 7:30 AM - Breakfast and Youth Ministry Presentation
 - 9:00 AM - Baptism
 - 10:00 AM - Resurrection Holy Communion & Worship Service

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9:00 am Easter Breakfast
9:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Children's Choir Practice
10:30 am Worship



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