April 5, 2023

*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

The Prelude  
*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*  
Michael Burkhardt

The Welcome and Invitation

The Call To Worship

From Ps. 116:12-19

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.*

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

*I will offer to God a thanksgiving sacrifice and call upon the name of the Lord.*

*Hymn 214

*You Are My Refuge, Faithful God v. 1, 2, 5*

You are my refuge, faithful God; you shelter me from shame.

I put my spirit in your hands and call upon your name.

Deliver me from hidden snares, from sorrow, pain, and strife.

When troubles seem to smother me, take heed, and save my life!

And yet I trust in you, O God; your covenant still stands.

Redeem me, in your faithful love: my life is in your hands.

*Prayer of Confession*

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to follow or remain with you. Though you bind yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. Though you kneel in love and call us friends, we so often deny that we know you by word and deed. We stand in judgment over others, rather than kneeling, looking into their faces in love and humble service. We depart from you, bent on our own plans. Forgive us, we pray this night of all nights. Restore us when the cock crows and the morning comes...silent prayer...Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon*

Romans 5:6-8

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person some might actually dare to die.

But God proves divine love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

THE FIRST READING  *John 13:1-17, 31, 34*

*Hymn 203  *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*
REFRAIN  Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you. [Refrain]
Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]
Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race; neighbors are near us and far away. [Refrain]
These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]
Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you. [Refrain]

Meditation

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

The Prayer After Communion

THE SECOND READING  Matthew 26:31-35

Silence is kept

*Hymn 218  
Ah, Holy Jesus v.1,2,4,5
Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it
was denied thee; I crucified thee.

For me, Kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I
do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

THE THIRD READING  Matthew 26:36-40, 43-46

Silence is kept

Choral Anthem

Thy Will Be Done
Craig Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness, Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took our cup and drank it,
And gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself. My Father, let this cup pass from me,
My Father, let this cup pass from me. Yet not my will,
O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.
In blackest night we hear Him, in dark Gethsemane.
Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day.
My Father, let this cup pass from me. My Father, let this cup pass from me.
Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.
Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree;
and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again!
My Father, let this cup pass from me. My Father, let this cup pass from me.
Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

THE FOURTH READING  Matthew 26:47-52

Silence is kept

The FIFTH READING  Matthew 26:57, 69-75

Silence is kept
**Today’s Worship Leaders:**

Preacher: Kim Clayton  
Liturgists: Coy Franklin, Brittany Harvey, and Jen Rowe  
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey  
Organist: Amy Shirk

**Hymn 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This v. 2

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,*  
*when I was sinking down, sinking down,*  
*when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,*  
*Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,*  
*Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

**THE SIXTH READING**  
*Matthew 27:15-18, 21-23*

**Prayer**

God did not spare God's own Son,  
but delivered him up for us all.

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and to be given over to the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death on the cross.

*Hymn 221*

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;*  
*now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;*  
*O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!*  
*Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

*What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:*  
*mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.*  
*Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;*  
*look on me with they favor, and grant to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,*  
*for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?*  
*O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,*  
*Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.*

**THE SEVENTH READING**  
*Matthew 27:32-37, 55-56*

**Silence is Kept**

**Hymn 228**

Were You There v. 1

*Were you there when you crucified my Lord?*  
*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*  
*O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*  
*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Depart in silence