

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 17, 2025**



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PERRY, FL**

## GATHERING

P -PASTOR, L- LITURGIST, **BOLD -ALL**

**PREPARATORY PRAYER** *(to be prayed silently before worship begins)* **Merciful God, I confess that so often my discipleship has been weak ...when I fail to serve as Jesus served; Forgive me. When I have failed to love another as Jesus loves us; forgive me. When I have been happy to proclaim my devotion to Jesus with my lips and then denied him by my actions; forgive me. Merciful God, empower me by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRELUDE** *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* Arr. by Anna Laura Page

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L <sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

*We rise.*

# GATHERING HYMN

# Healer of our Every Ill

GTG 795

*Refrain*      D      Em7      G    A    D      Bm      Bm7      G      A

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

F#m7      Bm      Em7      F#7      G      Em      A      D      *Fine*

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

Bm      F#m      G      F

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of

Em      D/F#      G    Bm    A    G    A      *to Refrain*

glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

*Brief silence for reflection*

**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. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P We pray---Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L We pray---**Lord, you are always breaking apart our communities, our identities, our old ways, our images of you: open hand and heart to receive this uncalled for gift, this broken body, this family where untouchables meet; through Jesus Christ, the passion of God. Amen.**

*We sit.*

### **FIRST LESSON | Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

L 1The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 2This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

11This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God. **Word of Life.**

**SECOND LESSON | 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

L 23For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Word of God. **Word of Life.**

*We rise.*

**GOSPEL READING | John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

P The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” 7Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” 8Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share

with me.” 9Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” 10Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” 11For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

12After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

31b“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON | Pr. John David Bryant**

*We rise.*

**SERMON HYMN**

**Just As I am**

**GTG 442**



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

A We profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed, saying –  
**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the † resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

**L** *(brief silence)* For your holy church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For pastors, deacons, lay leaders, for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all believers who put their trust in the suffering Son of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison and for their victims, for the dying, for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now. *(pause)* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who rest in Christ, and for all the departed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, source and sovereign, you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ. Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that everyone will know that we are his disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## OFFERTORY

L How precious is the sacrifice of Christ. You are the treasure for which everything was given. Know that you are precious to God. Know that you are worthy of Christ's sacrifice. And now, for so great a gift, respond in gracious thanksgiving.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM *"There Is A Redeemer"*

## LENTEN DOXOLOGY

Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im -

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P In the beginning, life sprang from the heart of God—waters flowed, trees grew, animals evolved, humans took form, because...**God is love.**

Where humans were enslaved, freedom sprang from God's heart, where humans sinned, mercy sprang forth; where humans walked in darkness, light shone out, because...**God is love.**

In the fullness of time, God did the unthinkable: the Bread of Life took on human flesh, because...**God is love.**

With his life and with his words, Christ gave us a new commandment: Love one another, because...**God is love.**

We are invited tonight and always to come to Christ's Table and find love. With broken hearts and broken bodies, we find Christ broken like the bread and poured out like wine, because... **God is love.**

## THE 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 indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, Father most holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For on this night, he girded himself with a towel and, taking the form of a servant, washed the feet of his disciples. He gave us a new commandment that we should love one another as he has loved us. Knowing that his hour had come, in his great love he gave this supper to his disciples to be a memorial of his passion, that we might proclaim his death until he comes again, and feast with him in his kingdom. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us †, your servants, and these your own gifts † of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



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

As Christ has taught us so we boldly 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## *Breaking of the Bread*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **God's mercy endures forever.**

### AGNUS DEI



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### COMMUNION MUSIC    *“Open My Eyes”*    By Jesse Manibusan

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L    We pray – Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

GTG 727



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

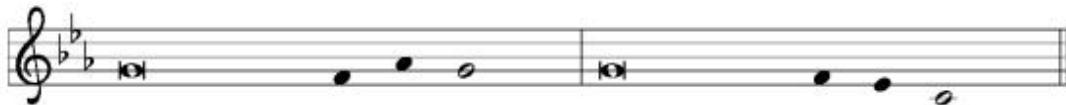


Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

# STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH



P

Psalm 22

*(we sing by whole verse)*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?  
 Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my  
 groaning?

<sup>2</sup>My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;  
 by night, but I | find no rest.

- <sup>3</sup>Yet you are the | Holy One,  
enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.
- <sup>4</sup>**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,  
they trusted, and you | rescued them.**
- <sup>5</sup>They cried out to you and | were delivered;  
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
- <sup>6</sup>**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,  
scorned by all and despised | by the people.**
- <sup>7</sup>All who see me laugh | me to scorn;  
they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
- <sup>8</sup>**“Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;  
let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.”**
- <sup>9</sup>Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,  
and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.
- <sup>10</sup>**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;  
you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.**
- <sup>11</sup>Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,  
and there is no | one to help.
- <sup>12</sup>**Many young bulls en- | circle me;  
strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**
- <sup>13</sup>They open wide their | jaws at me,  
like a slashing and | roaring lion.
- <sup>14</sup>**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;  
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
- <sup>15</sup>My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the  
roof | of my mouth;  
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
- <sup>16</sup>**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;  
they pierce my hands | and my feet.**
- <sup>17</sup>I can count | all my bones  
while they stare at | me and gloat.
- <sup>18</sup>**They divide my gar- | ments among them;  
for my clothing, | they cast lots.**
- <sup>19</sup>But you, O LORD, be not | far away;



O my help, hasten | to my aid.

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver me | from the sword,  
my life from the power | of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the | lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will declare your name | to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup>**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their  
poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;  
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.**

**Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your  
hearts | live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel  
be- | fore the LORD.

<sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,  
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

## SOLEMN REPROACHES

P O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna. I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys of the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God, have mercy upon us.**

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy almighty God, holy, holy almighty God,  
have mercy upon us.**

*(We depart in silence)*

**Leading Worship:** Rev. Pr. J. David Bryant, Minister; Paul Wiggins, Liturgist;  
Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director