

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

PRELUDE *My Heart is Filled with Longing* Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Amid all good things competing for our attention,
where shall we go to find bread?

**People: We come to the upper room, seeking a table
prepared for Jesus' disciples.**

Leader: Among all the activities we can choose,
Where shall we invest our time and efforts?

People: The church invites our discipleship, calling us into the body of Christ.

Leader: Among all who claim our loyalty, who encompasses the whole of life and truth?

**People: God in Christ offers us wholeness,
bringing all pieces of our lives together.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Ever precious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come from many different places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of Your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to You in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of Your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Leader: The good news is that we depend not on ourselves, but on the Spirit of God to give us vitality.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MUSIC *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG
(Sanctuary Choir)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON Rev. Lynne Keel

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

TEXT TO GIVE: 704-228-7459

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
(Sanctuary Choir)

PASSION CHORALE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE

MUSIC

All for Love
(Sanctuary Choir, archival recording)

Robert H. Young

LITANY OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Jesus can deliver us when we are tempted to abandon the struggle. In our hour of trial, when we are beset by an enemy,

People: help us to remember you, O Lord, in your hour of trial.

Leader: When we are betrayed for personal gain,

People: help us to remember you, O Lord.

Leader: When we are left to face a crisis alone,

People: help us to remember you, O Lord.

Leader: When we see a stranger where we had expected a friend,

People: help us to remember you, O Lord.

Leader: In our hour of trial, when others have done to us their worst,

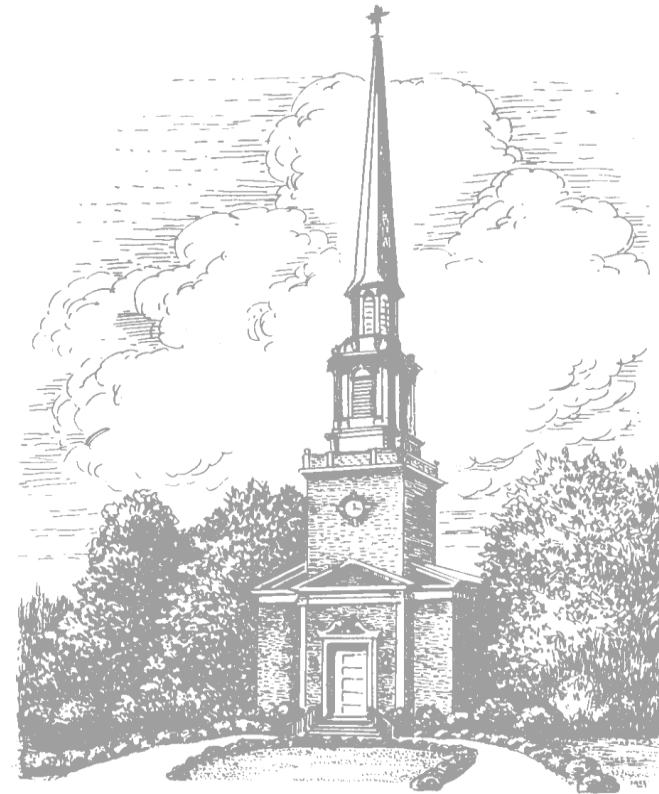
People: help us to remember you, O Lord, in your hour of trial, and how that nothing in life or death was able to separate you from the love of God.

BENEDICTION

MUSIC

Were You There?
(Sanctuary Choir)

Melva Costen



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**Thursday, April 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.**