



Aiken's First Baptist Church

**Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025**

PreludeThe Upper Room..... Glyncannon

Chiming of the Trinity

As we enter into worship, we step into a time that is not our own, but God's.

Welcome John Carroll

Call to Worship and InvocationChristian Burton

This is a night to remember.

We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.

We remember his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

We remember his arrest and trial.

We remember his suffering and the denial by his friend.

We remember his sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing and then nailed high on a cross to cancel our sins.

We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us.

Hymn 386 Jesus the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, Savior of humankind!

O hope of every contrite heart! O joy of all the meek!
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah! this, no tongue or pen can show
the love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

1 John 4:7-21Matt Waller

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer John Carroll

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.

HomilySimple But Hard.....John Carroll

John 13:1-17, 34-35

Hymn 466Jesus, at Your Holy Table BEACH SPRING

Jesus, at Your holy table, may our hearts united be.
Bind us with Your grace and presence that redeem and set us free.
Crucify our pride and hatred, light the path on which we walk.
Teach us how to love each other, in the way that You have taught.

Christ, remind us of Your passion, of Your precious life outpoured,
Of the love which none can fathom, and our victory evermore.
Bread of heaven, wine of promise, feed us with Your holy Word.
Nourish us with Your strong presence, risen Savior, only Lord.

Lift your hearts and raise your voices, celebrate this wondrous love.
Join the chorus with all Christians, and with saints who live above.
Silent lips now sing with gladness, blinded eyes are filled with sight.
Jesus' love has pierced our darkness, brought us home to peace and light.

Invitation to Communion

We come to this sacred time,

Not because we must but because we may.

We come to testify not that we are righteous,

But that we sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ and desire to be his true disciples.

We come not because we are strong,

But because we are weak.

Not because we have any claim on heaven's rewards,

But because in our frailty and sin we stand in constant need of heaven's mercy and help.

We come, not to express an opinion,

But to seek a Presence and pray for a Spirit.

Celebration of Communion

Hymn 180 Go to Dark Gethsemane.....REDHEAD 76

Go to dark Gethsemane, you who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgement hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall; O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross..

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" Hear the cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Congregational Response

Gathering this night, we have remembered.

The bread, the wine, the words of our Lord and friend.

He broke the bread, giving thanks.

His body was broken, giving his all.

He poured the wine, calling us to covenant faithfulness.

His blood was poured out, fixing the covenant forever.

He spoke words of instruction and encouragement.

He told us to serve as he had served.

He told us to abide in him and he would abide in us.

He told us to pray and to anticipate the Spirit.

He told us to love as he had loved.

He even called us friends.

But above all he showed us God

—as he knelt, as he shared, as he loved, as he forgave, as he died—

He showed us God is love. Thanks be to God!

Please depart in silence.

Announcements

Good Friday - Join us for a service of scripture, music, and space for reflection on Jesus' crucifixion Friday, April 17 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Join us for Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast - April 20 from 9:30 am until 10:45 am.

Easter Sunday morning pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for all age children. (There will be no children SS.)

Mission: THERE Opportunity - Our church will send a team for storm recovery in Western North Carolina June 1-7. We will stay at FBC Asheville, and the church will cover the cost of travel on the bus, so the only cost for the trip is meals. You can come for the whole week or part of the trip. If you do part of the trip, transportation will be on your own. Use the QR code to sign up by May 5!



Give Back

The ACTS collection item for the month of April is canned complete meals.

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