



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026

Prelude

Solemn Prelude

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Chiming of the Trinity

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

Welcome

Christian Burton

Call to Worship and Invocation

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 191

○ Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

John 13:3-20

Zachary Derr

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe that I am he. Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

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.

Invitation to Communion

John Carroll

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 and Holy Week Prayer Stations

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

Zachary Derr

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 this sacred place cognizant of those still in a posture of prayer
and begin fellowship after having left the sanctuary.*

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