

Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today!

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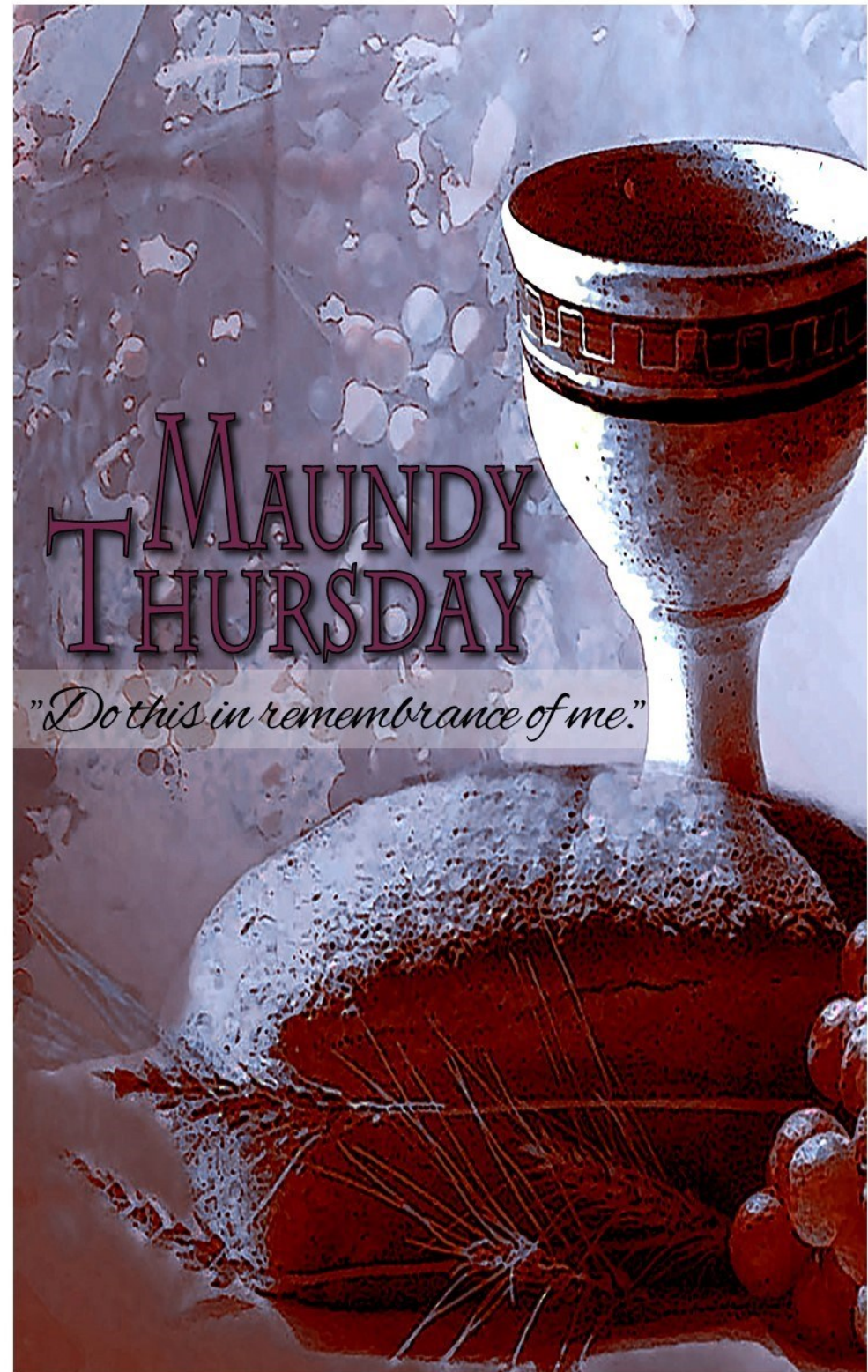
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MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

March 28, 2024

7:00 PM

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.

PRELUDE.....Collinsworth
Wondrous Love

WELCOME

INTROIT.....African American Spiritual
Were You There?

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 116):

Leader: Call on the Lord as long as you live!

People: The Lord hears our cries and our supplications.

Leader: Return to the Lord, for the Lord is merciful.

People: Precious in the sight of the Lord are all God's faithful ones.

*HYMN NO. 216.....ST. CHRISTOPHER
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come this night with deep humility and sorrow, for we have caused you pain. We sleep when we should be vigilant; we deny you with self-centered lives. We take for granted your great sacrifice for us, and come to the cross too lightly – with too little remembrance, too little awe, too little shame. But we do come, Lord; we come this night though we do not deserve to be here. Have mercy upon us. Touch our hearts with holy words, forgive our wayward ways, and unite us with Christ who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer . . . (Silent Confession) . . .

*KYRIE

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn No. 277

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MARK 14:1-25

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN No. 521 — *In Remembrance of Me*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please come forward via the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and partake of it with thanks to God. Then return to the pew via the side aisle.

PRAYER

HYMN No. 544 – *Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

MARK 14:26-52

SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM - *Awake, Alone in Gethsemane* - Arr. McDonald

MARK 14:53-72

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN No. 218 (stanzas 1 & 2) – *Ah, Holy Jesus*

MARK 15:1-20

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN No. 221 (stanzas 1 & 3) – *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

MARK 15:21-41

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN No. 223 (stanzas 1 & 3) – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

MARK 15:42-47

SILENT REFLECTION

TOLLING OF THE CHIME

ANTHEMHayes
The Old Rugged Cross

BENEDICTION

(Please exit the sanctuary in silence following the Benediction)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

HYMN No. 216 — *Beneath the Cross*

*Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.*

HYMN No. 521 — *In Remembrance of Me*

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door
and let your neighbors in, let them in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted;
drink and remember too,
that this is my body and precious blood
shed for you, shed for you.*

*In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.*

HYMN No. 218 (Stanzas 1 & 2) - *Ah, Holy Jesus*

*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.*

**HYMN No. 221 (Stanzas 1 & 3) –
*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 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.*

**HYMN No. 223 (Stanzas 1 & 3) –
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*