

# Holy Wednesday

## Order for the Public Worship of God

April 16, 2025 · 12:00 p.m.

PRELUDE: "Before The Throne Of God Above" . . . . . Charitie Lees Bancroft

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Philip James

✦HYMN: No. 212 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" . . . . . NEAR THE CROSS

**Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
Free to all—a healing stream—flows from Calvary's mountain.**

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

**Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.**

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.**

✦INVOCATION

GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . Luke 22:54-62  
(page 883 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

**Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You.  
We have thought too highly of the opinion of people,  
and too lowly of the privilege of being called Your child.  
We have allowed the fear of rejection  
to stop us from bearing witness to Jesus Christ.  
We have set our eyes on the comforts of this life,  
rather than on Your many great and precious promises.  
We place our trust fully in Jesus' sacrifice  
and continual intercession on our behalf.  
According to Your abundant mercy, we ask Your forgiveness. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Ephesians 1:7-8a

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us.*

VOCAL MEDITATION: "The King in All His Beauty" . . . . . Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

O lift your eyes to heaven, see the Holy One eternal;  
Behold the Lord of majesty, exalted in His temple.  
As symphonies of angels praise now strain to sound His glory,  
Come, worship, fall before His grace, the King in all His beauty.

*How worthy, how worthy, how worthy, the King in all His beauty.*

Now see the King who wears a crown, one made of shame and splinters;  
The sacrifice for ruined man, the substitute for sinners.  
As earth is stained with royal blood and quakes with love and fury,  
He breathes His last and bows His head, the King in all His beauty.

Now see the Savior lifted up, the Lamb who reigns in splendor.  
The hope of every tribe and tongue, His kingdom is forever!  
Bring praise and honor to His courts, bring wisdom, power, blessing.  
For endless ages we'll adore the King in all His beauty.

*Carrie Weber, soloist*

HOMILY: Denied. . . . . Josh Preston

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN: "All I Have Is Christ" . . . . . Jordan Kauflin

**I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.  
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.  
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.**

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.  
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

**But as I ran my hell-bound race, indiff'rent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;  
And I beheld God's love displayed, You suffered in my place,  
And bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.**

**Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be: My only boast is You.**

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "All I Have Is Christ" . . . . . Jordan Kauflin

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists:  
James Ryan, piano; Sarah Enoch, violin;  
Robb Roaten, bass; Nik Weber, guitar*

**Maundy Thursday Evening: April 17**  
6:30 p.m. Communion Service in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday: April 18**  
12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Egg Hunt: April 19**  
10:00 a.m. on the Poplar Field

**Easter Sunday: April 20**  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Memphis Botanic Garden  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary  
*No Sunday School or Evening Service*

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