## Holy Thursday

## Order for the Public Worship of God April 17, 2025 · 12:00 p.m.

PRELUDE: Meditation on "Were You There"arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton
Leo Davis, organ
CALL TO WORSHIP
♥HYMN: No. 193 "Man of Sorrows! What a Name"HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR
Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God who came Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood, Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He; Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished!" was His cry; Now in heav'n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!
When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!
PINVOCATION
GOSPEL LESSON
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PETITION
Most merciful God, on this day we remember how Jesus humbled Himself, took the form of a servant, and loved His own to the very end. Yet we confess that our hearts are often proud, our love is often cold, and our service is often self-serving. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us clean by the blood of the Lamb. Renew a right spirit within us. Teach us to follow the example of our Savior— to love freely, to serve humbly, and to walk in obedience. We pray in the name of Jesus, who knelt to wash feet and rose to cleanse hearts. Amen.
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

You made a covenant with me, signed by the blood that still speaks. Now I'm forgiven, I'm called righteous, I'm made clean. There on the cross at Calvary, You gave it all to purchase me. You are the Savior and the God who set me free. Now my heart cries, "This is my Redeemer." With my whole life, I will give You praise. All the glory to the One who's worthy; because of Jesus, I have been changed. You made a way for me to enter into Your holy place forever; And now I am hidden, I am covered, I found peace. Into Your likeness, You transform me, making me holy, like You're holy; No longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. You bring freedom to the captives, good news to the poor, Healing to the broken, and joy to those who mourn. You turn ashes into beauty, the ruins You restore. I am a testimony of the goodness of the Lord. Emily Woelke, soloist HOMILY: A Scandalous Exchange......Brett Wynne PRAYER OF COMMITMENT ♦HYMN: "Lead Me to Calvary"......LEAD ME TO CALVARY King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be; Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary. Lest I forget Gethsemane; lest I forget Thine agony; Lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary. Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept; Angels in robes of light arrayed guarded Thee whilst Thou slept. Let me like Mary, through the gloom, come with a gift to Thee; Show to me now the empty tomb, lead me to Calvary. May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for Thee; Even Thy cup of grief to share, Thou hast borne all for me.

## **†BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ......arr. Ashley Grote

♦Indicates congregation standing

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## 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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