

# Holy Tuesday

## Order for the Public Worship of God

March 31, 2026 · 12:00 p.m.

PRELUDE: “Ah, Holy Jesus” ..... Helmut Walcha

*Leo Davis, organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Damon Conley

**Call to Worship:** God invites us into His presence to worship in spirit and in truth—beginning a dialogue that continues throughout the service.

✦HYMN: No. 439 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ..... OLIVET

**My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.**

**May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

**While life’s dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

**When ends life’s transient dream,  
When death’s cold, sullen stream shall o’er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.**

✦INVOCATION

**Invocation:** The word invocation means “to appeal to” or “cry out to.” In this prayer, we lift our hands and call on our Father to come and help us worship Him for who He is and all He has done.

EPISTLE LESSON ..... I Timothy 2:1-6  
*(page 991 in pew Bible)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

**Our Father,  
though we’ve sung of our faith, our unbelief is also real.  
Our fainting hearts leave us flagging in zeal,  
our disappointed hearts leave us drifting away,  
our selfish hearts leave us caring less  
for the salvation of others than You care.  
Forgive our flagging, drifting, careless hearts.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us.  
Cast us not away from Your presence  
and restore to us the joy of Your salvation.  
Then we will teach transgressors Your ways,  
and sinners will return to You.  
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Galatians 2:20

*I have been crucified with Christ.  
It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.  
And the life I now live in the flesh  
I live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**Assurance of Pardon:** Having confessed our sins, the pastor declares God’s promise of forgiveness—assuring us that through Christ’s atonement, those who truly repent are freed from guilt and shame by His mercy.

VOCAL MEDITATION: “Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)” . . . . . Brian Johnson, Kari Jobe

The moon and stars, they wept; the morning sun was dead;  
The Savior of the world was fallen.  
His body on the cross, His blood poured out for us,  
The weight of every curse upon Him.

One final breath He gave as heaven looked away,  
The son of God was laid in darkness.  
A battle in the grave, the war on death was waged,  
The power of hell forever broken.

The ground began to shake, the stone was rolled away;  
His perfect love could not be overcome.  
Now death where is your sting?  
Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated.

Forever, He is glorified. Forever, He is lifted high!  
Forever, He is risen. He is alive, He is alive!  
We sing, “Hallelujah!” We sing, “Hallelujah!”  
We sing, “Hallelujah!” The Lamb has overcome.

*Ava Shatley, soloist*

HOMILY: One Mediator. . . . . Chuck Jacob

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN: “Holy Forever” . . . . . CeCe Winans

**A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.  
And all who’ve gone before us and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.**

*Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions, all pow’rs and positions,  
Your name stands above them all.*

*And the angels cry, “Holy!” All creation cries, “Holy!”  
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever!”  
Hear Your people sing, “Holy!” to the King of kings, “Holy!”  
You will always be holy, holy forever!*

**If you’ve been forgiven and if you’ve been redeemed,  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.  
If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name,  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.  
We’ll sing the song forever and amen.**

**Benediction:** God’s people receive the Lord’s blessing and are sent into the world, carrying the hope of the Gospel.

✦BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” . . . . . J.S. Bach

✦Indicates congregation standing

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**Maunder Thursday, April 2:** 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Good Friday, April 3:** 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Easter Sunday, April 5**  
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Memphis Botanic Garden  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary