



THE HOLY TRIDUUM: MAUNDY THURSDAY

The three days before Easter--Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday--are known as the Holy Triduum. During this time our worship is experienced as one drama that unfolds in three acts, seamlessly recalling the suffering, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Recorded around 1250-1300, the word maundy comes from the Old French "mande," in turn from the Latin "mandātum," which means "mandate or command," that is, the "new commandment" given by our Lord. At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and commanded them to love and serve one another as he had done. Tonight begins with a festal character as we remember the joy of the institution of the Eucharist and the love and service which Jesus lived and taught. The mood turns solemn as we fix our attention on the agony in the garden of Gethsemane and the journey to the cross and crucifixion. The altar, symbolic of Christ, will be stripped of its vesture and left bare for the solemnity of Good Friday.



APRIL 17, 2025

**CHAPEL
6:30PM**



THE SOLEMN LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025 6:30pm

PRELUDE

Prelude I & II

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

(Congregation stands and sings)

*HYMN 64

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICEA

John B. Dykes (1823-1876)

*ACCLAMATION

Pastor Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Congregation *And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.*

*THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

(The collect is the prayer appointed for the day that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the Scriptures for the day.)

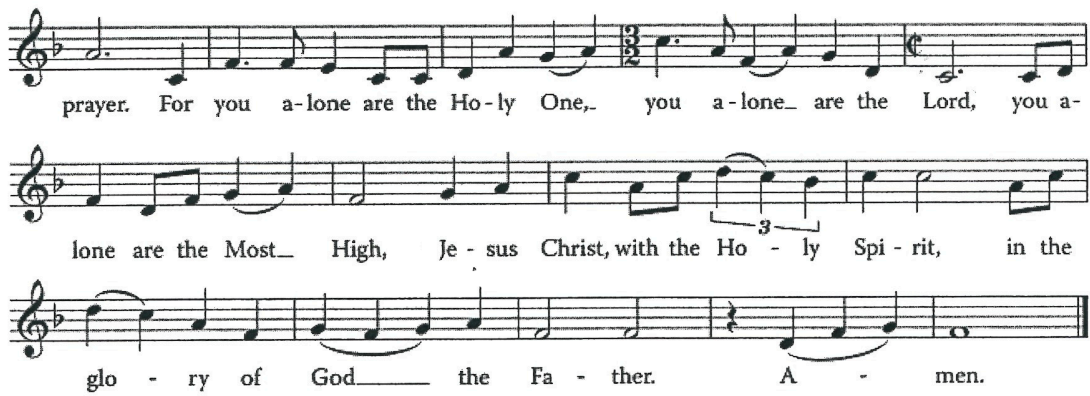
Pastor Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

(All join in singing.)

*GLORIA

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our



***THE COLLECT FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY**

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGREGATION *And also with you.*

PASTOR Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

TRINITY: OUR GOD OF HOPE AND HELP

BY MARIANNE FORMAN



ONE JEHOVAH

***LESSON I MATTHEW 6:24-33 NRSV**

Paul Busby

No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

LOOK AT THE BIRDS
WHAT A SAVIOR, WHAT A FRIEND
BREATH OF GOD
GLORIA

*LESSON II JOHN 13:1, 33-35 NRSV

Paul Busby

“Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

ANTHEM

In All Things Love

Dan Forrest, b. 1978

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PASTOR	The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
CONGREGATION	<i>And also with you.</i>
PASTOR	Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
CONGREGATION	<i>Christ has prepared a feast of love.</i>

CONFESSION & PARDON

PASTOR	My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.
CONGREGATION	<i>Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</i>
PASTOR	Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
CONGREGATION	<i>In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen</i>

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: Thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. We begin with the *Sursum corda*, meaning "Lift up your hearts.")

PASTOR The Lord be with you.
CONGREGATION *And also with you.*
PASTOR Lift up your hearts.
CONGREGATION *We lift them up to the Lord.*
PASTOR Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
CONGREGATION *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*
PASTOR And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All join in singing.)

SANCTUS- HYMN 17

(The Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.)

Elise Eslinger
(after NICEA)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PASTOR And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
CONGREGATION *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*
PASTOR All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen
And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER spoken by all

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and
the Glory forever. Amen*

HOLY COMMUNION (All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Those who are able will come forward and receive communion by intinction. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand and a Pastor will gladly come to you and serve you.)

DURING COMMUNION

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

EBENEZER
arr. Evelyn R. Larter

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

(Spoken by all.)

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion; grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

(Congregation stands and sings.)

***HYMN 138** The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columbia
Irish melody, 1906

THE STRIPPPING OF THE ALTAR

(Silence is maintained while the altar, symbolizing Christ, is stripped bare and washed in preparation for Good Friday.)

THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN: MATTHEW 26:30-46

(This Gospel reading recounts Jesus' struggle in the garden on the night he was betrayed. Just as he called his disciples to be in prayer that night, we too are called to spend time in the coming hours in prayer with Jesus.)

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples. Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

INSTRUMENTAL Go to Dark Gethsemane

He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Please exit in silence...



HOLY WEEK 2025

Friday, April 18: Good Friday
Tenebrae will be held in the Sanctuary, 6:30pm

Saturday, April 19: Holy Saturday
The Great Vigil of Easter
Chapel, 8:00pm

Sunday, April 20: THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
8:15 Traditional Easter Service (Chapel)
9:00 Contemporary Easter Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

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SENIOR SUNDAY



APRIL 28TH

JOIN US AS WE WELCOME OUR 2025 YOUTH
CONFIRMATION CLASS INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY, MAY 4
10:30A SANCTUARY
ONE SERVICE

30 Pieces of Silver



During Lent - Join us as we take 30 Pieces of Silver and turn it into gold by helping others as Jesus commanded us to do. Grab a bag, fill it, then bring it to a specified location in each worship space during the month of April. All donations collected will go to the WayStation in Rogers.



Central Women's

Gala

Friday, May 2nd



Tickets on Sale: Sundays Mornings during APRIL in the Atrium

Musicians

Chancel Choir

SOPRANO MARCIA ANDERSON, CATHY BLACKWOOD, ROBERTA BUSBY, MAURA CALDWELL, EMMA DAVIS, MARY KAY FRANKLIN, SHIRLEY GANNON, MARY LEVERETT, NANCY LEWIS, JACQUELINE PORTOKALIS, CHRIS SCOTT, ANGEL SHAW, SANDI STALLINGS

ALTO ANNA ERIXON, RITCHIE HUNT, BARBARA JONES, ANN MORRISSEY, LORETTA MOUNTS, LIZ PIER-SMITH, KATHY PIERCE, CAROLYN PRYOR, ANITA TURNER, CAROLYN WARD

TENOR TOM GINN, JOE HINES, RICK PIERCE, GREG SPRAGG, RUSTY TURNER

BASS TOM BLACKWOOD, GABRIEL BLOTOR, CARL HIGGINBOTHAM, BRAD PARKER, JIM PARR, J.R. SHAW, JAMES WALKER, ALAN YOUNT

Leadership Team

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ROBE MISTRESS: LORETTA MOUNTS

Guest Instrumentalists

PIANO & ORGAN: JAN FULFORD

VIOLIN 1: MERRITT DENTON

VIOLIN 2: STEVEN HAMILTON

VIOLA: KOLBY WILLIAMS

CELLO: JANE JOSTAD

BASS: JERRY LANE

Soloists

ONE JEHOVAH: RUSTY TURNER & MARY LEVERETT

WHAT A SAVIOR: SANDI STALLINGS & GABRIEL BLOTOR

GLORIA: MAURA CALDWELL & EMMA DAVIS

Serving Tonight

AUDIO ENGINEER AND A/V DIRECTOR: SAM GIBBY

USHERS: JOHN MOUNTS, STEVE ERIXON, TERRY ANDERSON

Thank You's

DECORATION & SETUP: KEITH MARTIN & KEVIN WADE

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BULLETIN PRINTING: AMY PENNY

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*Senior Associate Pastor
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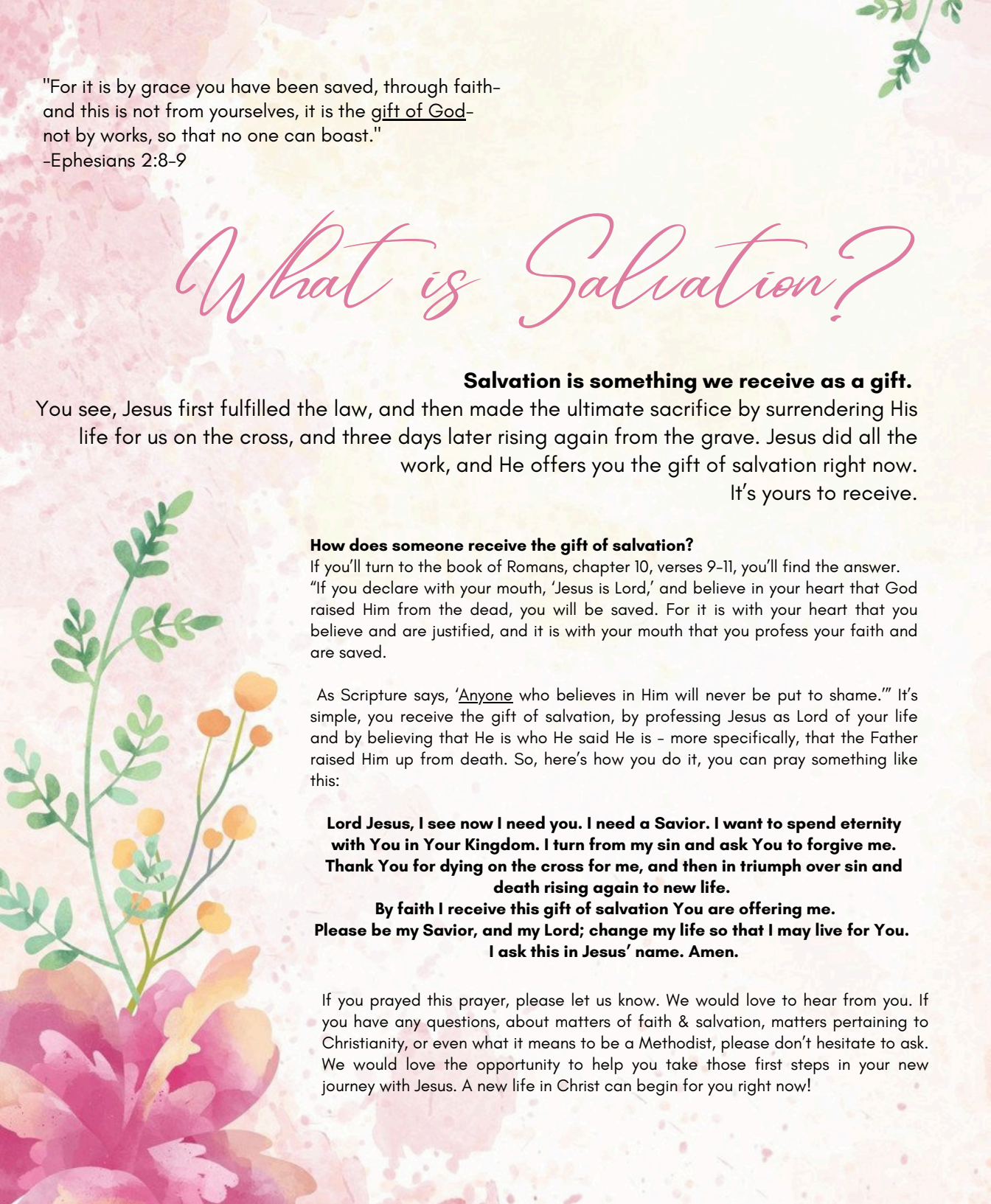
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Sunday Mornings

8:15 Communion Service [Chapel]
10:20 Traditional Service [Chapel]
10:30 Contemporary Service [Sanctuary]

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"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-
not by works, so that no one can boast."
-Ephesians 2:8-9

What is Salvation?

Salvation is something we receive as a gift.

You see, Jesus first fulfilled the law, and then made the ultimate sacrifice by surrendering His life for us on the cross, and three days later rising again from the grave. Jesus did all the work, and He offers you the gift of salvation right now.
It's yours to receive.

How does someone receive the gift of salvation?

If you'll turn to the book of Romans, chapter 10, verses 9-11, you'll find the answer. "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame.'" It's simple, you receive the gift of salvation, by professing Jesus as Lord of your life and by believing that He is who He said He is - more specifically, that the Father raised Him up from death. So, here's how you do it, you can pray something like this:

Lord Jesus, I see now I need you. I need a Savior. I want to spend eternity with You in Your Kingdom. I turn from my sin and ask You to forgive me. Thank You for dying on the cross for me, and then in triumph over sin and death rising again to new life.

**By faith I receive this gift of salvation You are offering me.
Please be my Savior, and my Lord; change my life so that I may live for You.
I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

If you prayed this prayer, please let us know. We would love to hear from you. If you have any questions, about matters of faith & salvation, matters pertaining to Christianity, or even what it means to be a Methodist, please don't hesitate to ask. We would love the opportunity to help you take those first steps in your new journey with Jesus. A new life in Christ can begin for you right now!