

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on Johann Sebastian Bach
Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord God, BWV 721

GREETING
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day Christ took a towel and washed his disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

✦ **HYMN 202** An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare OWALY WALY

✦ **CALL TO CONFESSION**

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving Lord, you taught us compassion. You took a servant's role and knelt at the feet of your friends. You gave us a meal to remind us of your life-giving love. You called us to love one another too.

Forgive us, Lord, for not practicing the compassion you modeled. Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve. Forgive us, Lord, for not loving as you called us to love.

Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever

(Silent Confession)

In Your name we pray, **Amen.**

✦ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Believe in the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Serving of the People

Please come forward via the center aisle. Gluten free wafers are available on the Communion Table. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's meal.

Hymn 522 I Am the Bread of Life I AM THE BREAD
(verses sung by cantor, refrain sung by all)

Prayer after Communion

Breath of God, quiet our hearts, hush our lips, open our eyes, and fill us with holy wonder as we look to Jesus, our host, your servant, our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF REFLECTION

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

THE SHADOW OF ANGUISH Mark 14:26b-31

THE SHADOW OF LONELINESS Mark 14:32-41

HYMN 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD 67

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL Mark 14:43-46

THE SHADOW OF ABANDONMENT Matthew 26:51-56

ANTHEM Jesus So Lowly Harold Freidell

THE SHADOW OF HUMILIATION Matthew 26:57-68

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL Matthew 26:69-75

HYMN 218 Ah, Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY Luke 23:1-5, 13-25

HYMN 221 O, Sacred Head Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS Mark 15:16-20

SOLO Were You There?

This service ends in darkness and silence. There will be no postlude. You may stay as long as you need to after the concluding solo. Please observe the vigil of silence until you are outside of the building.

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W O R S H I P N O T E S

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First Presbyterian Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the season of our life together as Christians. We are presently in the season of LENT, the most somber time of the year. PURPLE is the color to symbolize suffering, mourning and penitence. The overlay on the dossal cloth is a red paper cross, surrounded by lavender paper chains. During Lent worshippers were invited to write prayers on the lavender paper chain link found in the bulletin and these prayers were added to the overlay. The pulpit and lectern paraments and the two banners above the doors depict symbols of the penitential season: cross and crown of thorns.

✦ *Please stand if you are able. Bold type indicates congregational response.*

Its appropriate to use the congregational **AMEN** at the conclusion of all prayers in the service.

We ask that you please turn all cell phones to "silent" during the worship service.

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W O R S H I P L E A D E R S

Rev. Jessica Myers, Brent Neuenschwander, Ginny Laiho, Gary Hirschfeld, Nicole Figlewicz, Larry Foster, Abby Federici, Ellen Hugunin

Musicians: Chancel Choir, Alicia Yantosca, Soprano, Sean Luo, Tenor

Audio: Dana Bourne

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Good Friday, April 14

7:30pm Prayer Service

EASTER

Saturday, April 15

4:00pm Family Easter Worship

Easter Sunday, April 16

Please bring fresh flowers to decorate the Living Cross.

6:30am Sunrise Service

8:00am Easter Breakfast

8:45am Prayer Ministry

9:00am Prelude music for the Festival of Easter

9:30am Festival of Easter Service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Service for
the Lord's Day*

APRIL 13, 2017

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. – SANCTUARY

*We are an active open community of Christians
seeking to know and glorify God,
nurturing all people and sharing Christ's love and teachings.*