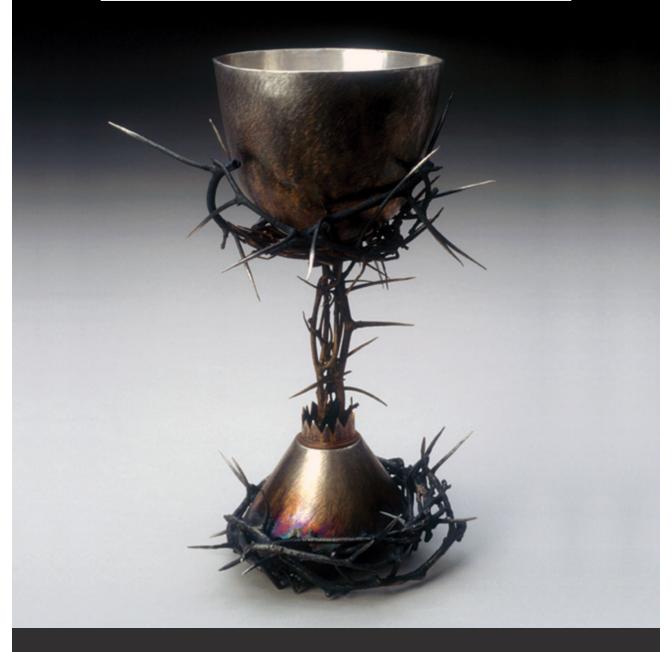
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As we enter a holy space and time this evening, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation.

* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Meditation for String Quintet and Organ

Alec Rowley

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the growing darkness we gather.
Our Lenten journey has brought us here.
Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:

A towel... a bowl... bread... a cup...

Jesus gives us an example and a commandment:
to love one another as he has loved us.

This is how everyone will know we are his disciples, when we love each other.

* HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you.

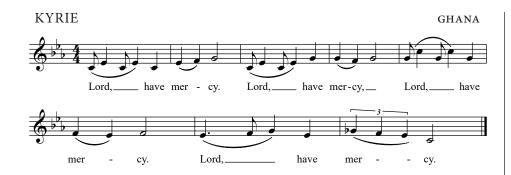
You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, and though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them.

Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us.

What can we give you
for all your wonderful graciousness toward us?
As you have broken your heart for us,
may we open ours in service to others.
As you have given your life for us,
may we offer ours to bring healing to the world.
As you have called us together around your Table,
may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only for food,
but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation.
This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ,
who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope.

SILENT CONFESSION

The **Call to Worship** is from
Feasting on the
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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

On this holiest of nights, we have received the good news: God has come in Christ Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.

In remembrance, we go out: to bring hope where despair lives; to be servants to those who are hurt and broken; to love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 11:23-26

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

HOMILY Rev. Jay Sanderford

* HYMN 203 | Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love CHEREPONI

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Ubi Caritas Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir, String Quintet, Horn, and Piano

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur, Deus ibi est. *Let us rejoice and be glad in it, God is there.*

Timeamus et amemus, Deum vivum.

Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus, nos sincero, ubi caritas amor.

And from a sincere heart, let us love one another.

Gaudium qoud est immensum; *Immeasurable joy*;

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Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor, the love of Christ has gathered us together,

Deus ibi est. *God is there*.

In medio nostril set Christus Deus. *Christ dwells in our midst.*

Glorianter vultum tuum, With the blessed may we see,

cum beatis videamus, Christe Deus. *the glory of your face*, O *Christ*.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Where charity and love are, God is there.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Families and Children Set the Table

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

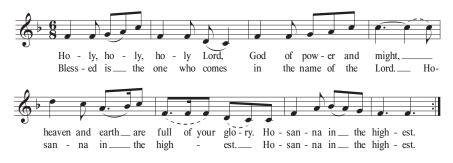
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Words of Institution

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC Lamb of God David V. Hufford
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

The candles are extinguished, and all linens, paraments, and worship elements are removed from the Sanctuary. During their removal, Psalm 88 is read.

READING OF PSALM 88

Herzlich tut mich verlangen O Welt, ich muß dich lassen Johannes Brahms Johannes Brahms

PRAYER AND

THE LORD'S PRAYER (whispered)

O God of our darkest nights and our endless thoughts, we cry out to you now asking why? Though we know the end of the journey, we push away thoughts of Alleluia to dwell in the silence of the "why." As we leave this night in silence, be with us through our darkest hours, our biggest whys, and our softest cries to you O God. And as we prepare to leave in solemn silence, let us come together now to whisper the prayer our Lord has taught us, whispering...

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.

DEPART IN SILENCE

Worshippers are invited to remain for a time of meditation and prayer, then leave in silence. There is no benediction.

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Our meditation of the Passion of Christ resumes here at our Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.

For centuries, the church has marked Jesus' betrayal, abandonment, suffering, and death with a period of solemn meditation and prayer. The Sanctuary is stripped of its sacred furnishings, in remembrance of how Jesus emptied himself of any divine powers or privilege, entering the darkness of death and the tomb.

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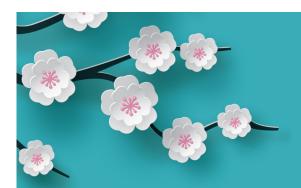
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During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection, and connects us with "those who have least." One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Please give generously. Specially marked envelopes are in the pew racks, or you may **give online at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute.**



CELEBRATE EASTER

Worship with us during this holy season



April 7, 2023

GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 P.M. Worship



April 9, 2023 **EASTER SUNDAY**

7 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE Circle Terrace

9:30 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICE Sanctuary livestream at 9:30 a.m.

