

# *The Worship of God*

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church  
MAUNDY THURSDAY | 7:00 PM | April 17, 2025

## INTROIT

God So Loved the World from **The Crucifixion**  
John Stainer

The Chancel Choir  
Nicholas Bowden  
Director of Music & Organist

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16,17 (KJV)*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short  
Senior Minister

## \*HYMN 286

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

## INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Short and **People**

Christ our Lord has prepared a feast of love and has shown his love by becoming a humble servant.  
Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

*A brief silence for individual confession*

Renewing God, Trusting in your infinite grace,

**We confess that we need your healing, your forgiveness, and your renewal.**

For all that is broken in our minds and bodies,

**We ask your healing.**

For all that is amiss in our choices and relationships, where we have failed to love one another as  
Christ loves us,

**We ask your forgiveness.**

Where we have pledged loyalty to Christ with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,

**We ask your renewal.**

For all that works against life and your blessing of love in both our hearts and in the world,

**We open ourselves to your transforming grace. Heal us, forgive us, and make us new. Amen.**

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Drew West and **People**  
Minister of Families and Children

Holy and immortal God,

from earliest times you have named us and called us into discipleship.

Open the scripture to us and teach us to follow the One

whose light scatters the darkness of our world,

that we may walk as children of the light. Amen.

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. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Gilbert Martin

The Chancel Choir

## SERMON

"Honoring the Moment"

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence  
Associate Minister

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Lawrence

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

... And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

... 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.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life, Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

#### **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 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.**

#### **GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

Gluten-free elements are available upon request at the chancel.

*You are invited to contribute to the Benevolence Fund by leaving an offering  
on the chancel rail. These funds are used to assist those in need.*

#### **\*HYMN 290**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

REDHEAD

#### **\*STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR & SANCTUARY**

*All depart in silence.*

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

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