

Mount Olivet United Methodist

Maundy Thursday
March 29, 2018 – 7:00 pm

A TIME FOR GATHERING AND PRAYER

May the experience of the true meaning of Christ's life shine in our lives today!

PRELUDE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Tommy Midgett
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Samuel Head
CALL TO WORSHIP "The Love that Died for Me" Chancel Choir

* GREETING

Leader: Let us gather together and worship, all who would serve the risen Lord.

People: No greater love can we share than to reach out and care for others.

Leader: Christ, the Lord, chose to be our servant in all He did.

People: In obedience to God, Christ died for us on the cross.

Leader: No one is greater than the Master, so let us be servants unto the world.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

* HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This?" No. 292

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed 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.

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!

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

LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Remember" Chancel Choir

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION AND REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 pg. 683
SERMON *Deep in Our Hearts* John Dutton

* HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (vs. 1 & 3) No. 298

THE HOLY MEAL

Giving of the Bread and Cup
Great Thanksgiving
Breaking of the Bread
Sharing the Bread and Cup

(In keeping with Methodist tradition, all people are invited to come share with the Lord's table, He does not ask us to be perfect, He only wants us to come.)

THE PRAYER OF THE CRUCIFIED ONE

As we pray this prayer, the congregation responds singing,
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Holy, Holy, Holy God of heaven and earth, we praise you and we thank you for our Savior, Jesus Christ. He went into the garden, knowing that Judas would betray him. When soldiers came to arrest him, he said, "If you are looking for me, let these men go." This not only fulfilled the scripture, but declared that his sacrifice would be for all people...a release from sin and death which held us.

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."

They arrested Jesus and took him to Caiaphas, who said, "It is better to have one person die for the people." But even as Jesus was giving up his life for others, Peter stood outside denying that he even knew Him.

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While standing before Pilate's questions, Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Pilate tried to release him, but the crowds rejected Jesus and chose Barabbas. So the soldiers took Jesus and flogged him. They mocked him with a purple robe and a crown of thorns, but the crowds continued to yell, "Crucify him! Crucify Him!"

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When Jesus would not speak to him, Pilate asked Jesus, "Do you not know that I have the power to crucify you?" "You have no power over me," answered Jesus, "unless it has been given you from above." So Pilate took Jesus outside and said, "Here is your King! Shall I crucify your King?" "We have no king but Caesar," they answered. So Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

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They took Jesus to the Place of the Skull, and there they crucified him. The soldiers cast lots for his clothing, as Jesus hung dying on the cross.

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Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved, Jesus said, “Woman, here is your son.” And to the disciple, “Here is your Mother.” Finally, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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They pierced his side with a spear, then gave permission to Joseph of Arimathea to remove Jesus’ body. They took the body and wrapped it with spices. Then they laid him in a new tomb nearby.

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Holy, holy, holy God. Holy, holy, holy Jesus, giving up your life for ours. Dying while we betrayed, denied, and rejected your love. You never turned away from us.

It’s is finished!... Go forth in silence.

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As Disciples of Christ, we will passionately follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as we unite to promote and nurture spiritual growth among all God’s Children.



Holy Thursday

Community Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the Downtown Manteo Waterfront at **6:30 AM Sunday, April 1**. Immediately following the service Mount Olivet will offer a community breakfast. Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of breakfast.