

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music *Adoro Te Devote*
Leigh Montague, cello; Weiz Baker, organ

Callahan

Prayer After Communion

Stripping of the Sanctuary *Ah, Holy Jesus*
Leigh Montague, cello; Weiz Baker, organ

Young

Choral Benediction *Were You There*
Gina Goddard, soloist

Recess in Silence

We thank Leigh Montague, cellist, for her musical gifts this evening.

First Presbyterian Church

Cheraw, South Carolina



Our Vision

*Rooted by God's Grace,
Growing in the Spirit,
Reaching Out with Christ's Love*

March 28, 2024

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March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday

Prelude *What Wondrous Love*

Leigh Montague, cello

Haan

Introit *Adoro Te Devote* (Chancel Choir)

10th Century Chant

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

a story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial and death.

We gather tonight to tell an even older story

prepared before the worlds began:

a story of love powerful enough

to rewrite our endings

with the promise of new life.

In the telling of the story,

in the breaking of the bread,

in the coming of the night,

we draw near once more to Christ.

***Hymn 223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vs. 1,3) HAMBURG

Invitation to Confession

Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak, but he is steadfast. Trusting in the unwavering love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,

and still you love us - you have loved us to the end.

We have denied you,

and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

We have betrayed you,

and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Choral Anthem *Old Rugged Cross* (Chancel Choir) Bernard/Berry
Leigh Montague, cello; Libby Pierce, wind chimes

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 13:1-17, 31-35

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Homily

“Tonight, Tonight”

Rev. Maxwell Michaels

***Hymn 221** *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

Sacrament of Communion
Communion

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

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