

Asbury United Methodist Church

Building a community of strength, hope and love

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OUR MISSION

Asbury Church exists to glorify God by obediently making disciples of Jesus Christ locally and globally with all its ministries supporting that task.

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

PRELUDE

(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)

GREETING

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

INVOCATION PRAYER

O Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted. Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word. Through your mercy, O God, you are blessed and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC CALL TO WORSHIP

"Hey People"

By Jim Singer

Verse 1:

Hey people gather round, I've got a story for you

It happened long ago in a land so far away

He came from heaven to earth – He was God among us

And with him came His promise that we'd live with Him some day

Chorus 1:

He was humble - He was meek

With a spirit oh so sweet

But He had strength – A power from above

But He dealt with us in love

Verse 2:

Hey people gather round, He's got a present for you
Not one that you could earn that any man should boast
The gift He offers you – It is life eternal
To live with Him forever beside the Lord of Hosts

Chorus 2:

He was hung upon a tree – Let to die at Calvary
Paid a ransom price so we could be set free
To gain eternity

Verse 3:

Hey people gather round, that's not the end of the story
He's coming back some day to take Himself a bride
So trim your lamps & watch for the hour is coming
In a twinkling He'll appear to take him home a wife

Chorus 3:

Without blemish, without stain
A virgin bride to bear His name
The New Jerusalem to live forever more
Blessed hope we're waiting for

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

* HYMN “Lamb of God”

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as he died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God

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SERMON “The Big Picture: Cross” Pastor Tori Heath

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Most merciful God,

We your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love 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. Amen.

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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PASSION OF JESUS CRHIST FROM JOHN 18:1-19:42

TENEBRAE READING 1

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

TENEBRAE READING 2

TENEBRAE READING 3

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

Verse 2

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –I know that it is finished.

TENEBRAE READING 4

TENEBRAE READING 5

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

TENEBRAE READING 6

TENEBRAE READING 7

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

Verse 2

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking
down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his
crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for
my soul.

TENEBRAE READING 8

TENEBRAE READING 9

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

Verse 3

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

TENEBRAE READING 10

TENEBRAE READING 11

WERE YOU THERE

Verse 1

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

TENEBRAE 12

WERE YOU THERE

Verse 2

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

TENEBRAE READING 13

WERE YOU THERE

Verse 3

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

TENEBRAE READING 14

WERE YOU THERE

Verse 4

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

TENEBRAE READING 15

WERE YOU THERE

Verse 5

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

TENBRAE READING 16

SILENCE

Christ candle is extinguished and recessed to back of church

BENEDICTION

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Music Today: Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist
Jim Singer, Special Music

Selections from Exodus 12

While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the Lord gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron: ² “From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. ³ Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household...⁵ The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects.

⁶ “Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. ⁷ They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. ⁸ That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast...

¹¹ “These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the Lord’s Passover. ¹² On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord! ¹³ But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

