

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Prelude: "Lead Me to Calvary" (William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. Faye López)
(Inspired by Beethoven's "Pathétique" Piano Sonata)

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

* **Hymn 170:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Anthem: "Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs" (Antonio Lotti, arr. Archibald Davison)

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:1-15

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Homily: "CHOOSING BARABBAS"

* **Hymn 191:** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Service of Communion

Scripture Reading: John 13:31b-35

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

Solo: "O Love" (Elaine Hagenberg)

Benediction

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. Art Ritter, Barb Fuller, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir

THE TRIUNE GOD

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Adapt. from Gregorian Chant
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down!
That were a pres - ent far too small:

My rich - est gain I count but loss,
All the vain things that charm me most
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all. A - men.

What Wondrous Love Is This

American Folk Hymn

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Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
2. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
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To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And

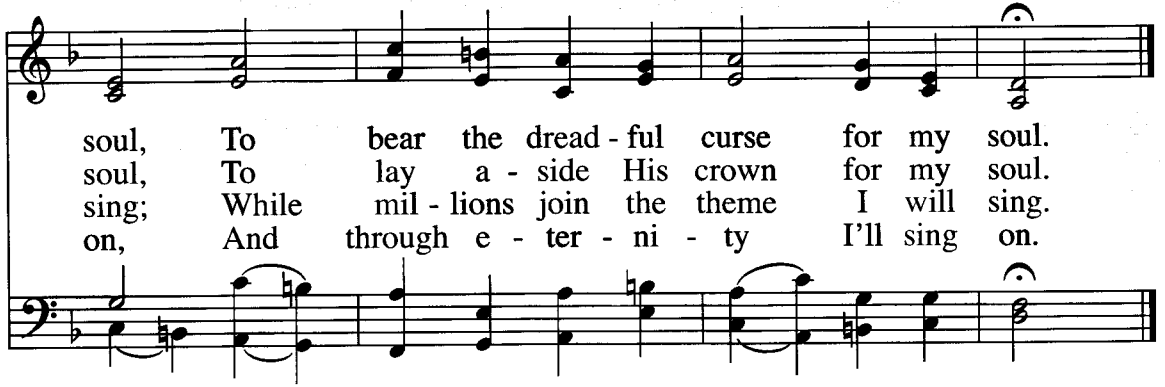
won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss To
won - drous love is this, That caused the Lord of life To
God and to the Lamb Who is the great I AM, While
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, And

bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
lay a - side His crown for my soul, for my
mil - lions join the theme I will sing, I will
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing

WONDROUS LOVE

12.9.6.6.12.9

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The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'soul, To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul. soul, To lay a - side His crown for my soul. sing; While mil - lions join the theme I will sing. on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.'

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COMMUNION RITUAL

CONFESSION

All: Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that you desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek your mercy and grace, as we ask you for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

THE INVITATION

Minister: We welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Minister: On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.