

JESUS PREDICTS PETER'S DENIAL

Matthew 26: 31-35

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus (verse 2)

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Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone thee
Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

IN THE GARDEN

Matthew 26: 36-46

HYMN

Stay with Me

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Stay with me, Remain here with me;
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.

THE ARREST

Matthew 26: 47-50

THE DESERTION

Matthew 26: 56b

LEAVE IN SILENCE

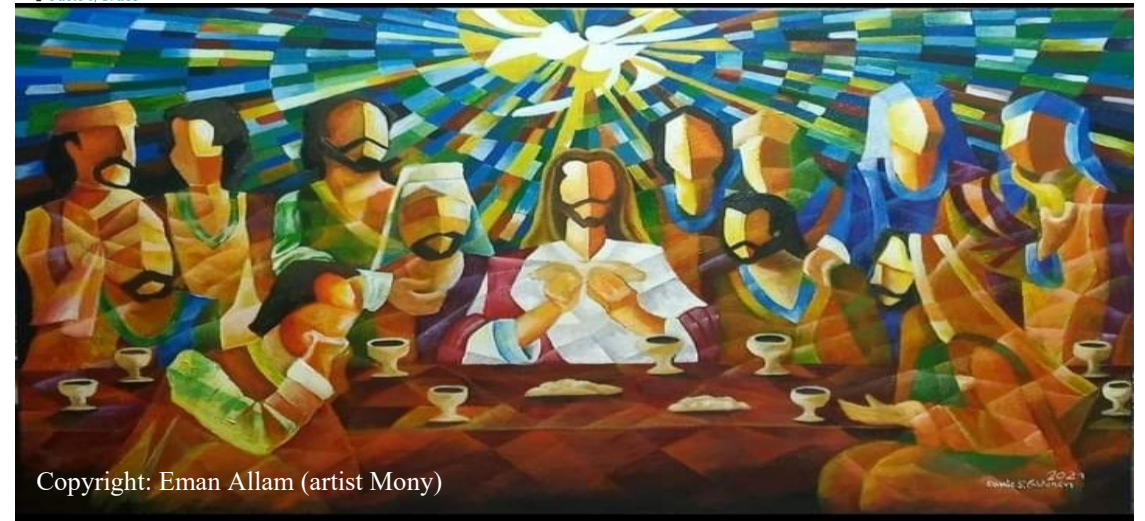
THE SERVICE CONTINUES TOMORROW, GOOD FRIDAY, AT NOON

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April 9, 2023 Easter Worship Schedule

- ◆ **Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. followed by a continental breakfast.**
- ◆ **Easter Service at 9:30 a.m. with choir and communion.**

In person and online at valleypres.net



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

PRELUDE *Choral Prelude: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor Craig

- L. Welcome to you who call upon the name of Christ. We gather tonight to recall the story of the night Jesus was betrayed. Are you prepared to come to the feast of Jesus, the Christ, whose life was poured out for you?
- P. **By the grace of God, we are.**
- L. Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden -- in deed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will for you?
- P. **By the grace of God, we are.**
- L. Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness.
- P. **God of all grace and steadfast love, greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth. Bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts!**

HYMN *In the Cross of Christ Glory* 213

PRAYER Pastor Diane

THE STORY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

JESUS IS ANOINTED FOR HIS BURIAL Matthew 26: 6-13

JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS Matthew 26:14-15

CONFESSION

- L. Surely, we would never betray you, never deny you surely?
P. **Give us the faith to doubt our righteousness. Give us the assurance to question and examine ourselves honestly. Give us the confidence to wonder how we might betray your perfect love. Give us grace to confess how our promises are broken. Open our eyes to see the you see, and keep right on eating with us.** (silent prayers of confession)
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even though Jesus watched his disciples fail him that night, the scriptures say he loved them to end. The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy* 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;
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THE PASSOVER Exodus 12 (selections)

THE BREAD AND THE CUP Matthew 26: 26-29

HYMN *An Upper Room Our Lord Prepare* (verses 1-3) 202

DEVOTION The Meanings of Communion

THE LAST SUPPER

The Invitation

Anthem *As We Remember Now* Marie Valade, Soloist

As we come together for this Thy Table Lord,
Bless us as we drink the cup.
Bless thou, the bread dear Lord.
O Heavenly Father renew our lives to Thee.
Bless us unworthy to receive.
As you gave yourself, help us to give.
As you gave your life, help us to live.
Let us worship you, as we humbly bow.
Let us worship you as we remember now.

For this is His body which is broken for you.
He broke it and gave it to me, He offers it to you.
And here is the blood, His forgiveness of sin.
Remember Him always 'til Christ comes again.

Come then Holy Christ and feed us as we pray.
Touch us with Thy pierced hand on every common day.
Making this earthly life full of Thy grace;
'Til in the home of heaven we find our place.
Let us worship you as we remember now.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements (Intinction)

HYMN *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* 471

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.