

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina



MAUNDY
Thursday

Thursday, March 29, 2018
6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

A Service of Fellowship and Sacrament

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✠ = Congregation Standing as Able

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor

GATHERING

Everyone is invited to visit with each other as we gather. As the music begins, please quietly prepare to worship God.

THE PIANO PRELUDEJason Evans, Pianist

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Spoken responsively)*

ONE: This is a day of remembrance for us.

ALL: We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

ONE: Throughout the generations, we have received and handed onto others what the Lord has given to us: water for washing each other's feet and the towel of service.

ALL: We also hand to each other the bread of Christ's body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming our Lord's death until he comes again.

ONE: Let us worship almighty God!

✠THE HYMN NO. 216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Spoken in Unison)*

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of betraying and denying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all of our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

THE PRAYER FOR THE MEAL

THE MEAL

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Mark 15:25-39

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified Jesus. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

ONE: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

THE MEDITATION: "The Messiah Chooses the Cross"..... The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

♠THE HYMN NO. 504 "We Come as Guests Invited" WEI LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

♠THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Spoken in unison*).....(From *A Declaration of Faith*, Ch. 4.4.)

Jesus died for sinners. Religious leaders hated Jesus because he criticized their hypocrisy and reproved their neglect of justice and mercy. They charged him with blasphemy and sedition when he claimed to speak and act with God's authority. One of Jesus' followers betrayed him. Others abandoned and denied him because they were afraid to stand with him. Civil authorities condemned him because he provoked unrest among the people. He was sentenced, mocked, beaten, and crucified as a common criminal. We confess that in the execution of Jesus the sin of the human race reached its depths. The only innocent one was condemned and put to death, not by sinfulness of one nation, but by the sinfulness of us all. In the presence of Jesus, who lived out what God wants us all to be, we were threatened beyond endurance. Blinded by our rebellion against our Creator, we killed his Son when we met him face to face.

The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER WITH THE 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE SHARING OF THE CUP

✦THE HYMN NO. 228: "Were You There"..... WERE YOU THERE

✦THE BENEDICTION

Announcements

Thank You

We are grateful to the Worship Committee for planning the Maundy Thursday service, preparing the meal, and providing the elements for Communion.

Easter Services

Please join us in worship on Easter Sunday, April 1st. It will be a joyous occasion! For the fifth consecutive year, we will have two identical worship services on Easter, one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 10:00 a.m. The 8:30 am service will have the same sermon, hymns, choir anthem, and Order of Service.

We will have our traditional "bare" wire cross in the Gathering Space for you to adorn with flowers from your garden. Every year this is a beautiful way to give thanks and praise to our Risen Lord, so please remember to bring a flower for our cross.

