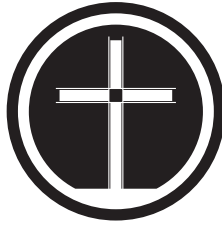


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday



CHRIST  
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CHURCH

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### Prelude

*Bach: O Man, Mourn Thy Many Sins*

### Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.  
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

Let us worship the LORD, our Maker, together!

### Hymn of Praise

I Will Sing Of My  
Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And his wondrous love to me  
On the cruel cross he suffered  
From the curse to set me free

#### *Chorus*

*Sing O sing of my Redeemer  
With his blood he purchased me  
On the cross he sealed my pardon  
Paid the debt and made me free*

I will tell the wondrous story  
How my lost estate to save  
In his boundless love and mercy  
He the ransom freely gave

#### *Chorus*

I will praise my dear Redeemer  
His triumphant power I'll tell  
How the victory he giveth  
Over sin and death and hell

*Chorus*  
*Sing O sing of my Redeemer*  
*With his blood he purchased me*  
*On the cross he sealed my pardon*  
*Paid the debt and made me free*

I will sing of my Redeemer  
And his heavenly love for me  
He from death to life hath bro't me  
Son of God with him to be

*Chorus*

## Invocation

### Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed  
*\*The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Leader: Christians, what do we believe?

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Hymn

His Mercy Is More

*Chorus*

*Praise the Lord his mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more*

What love could remember  
No wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing  
He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

*Chorus*

What patience would wait  
As we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

*Chorus*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

*Chorus 2x*

Our sins they are many his mercy is more

## Call to Confession

Titus 2:11-14

Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**Public  
Confession**

Prayer of  
Confession from  
the 31st General  
Assembly of the  
PCA

**Leader:** Let us confess our sins together.

**All:** O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numberless and aggravated offenses? We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserved your grace and thus have mocked your gospel. We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency. We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood.

Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us. We have failed to be your priests, and we have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed. Lead us to repentance and save us from despair. Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to believe the gospel for your glory!

**Silent  
Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**  
Romans 5:6–8

**Leader:** While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Hymn**

Before The Throne  
Of God Above

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Whoever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on his hands  
My name is written on his heart  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me  
To look on him and pardon me

Behold him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace  
One with himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with his blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God  
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## **Tithes & Offerings**

### **Musical Offering**

When I Survey The  
Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to his blood

See from his head his hands his feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a present far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

**The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

**Prayer of  
Dedication**

**Sermon**

**“Abide in Me”**  
*John 15:1-11*  
Rev. Richard Harris

**The Service of  
Communion**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest.”**

**Words of  
Institution**

**The Sacrament  
of the Lord’s  
Supper**

O Sacred Head Now  
Wounded

O sacred Head now wounded  
With grief and shame weighed down  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns thine only crown  
How pale thou art with anguish  
With sore abuse and scorn  
How does that visage languish  
Which once was bright as morn

What thou my Lord hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain  
Mine mine was the transgression  
But thine the deadly pain  
Lo here I fall my Savior  
'Tis I deserve thy place  
Look on me with thy favor  
Assist me with thy grace

What language shall I borrow  
To thank thee dearest Friend  
For this thy dying sorrow  
Thy pity without end  
O make me thine forever  
And should I fainting be  
Lord let me never never  
Outlive my love to thee

Man Of Sorrows,  
What A Name

Man of sorrows what a name  
For the Son of God who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim  
Hallelujah what a Savior

Bearing shame and scoffing rude  
In my place condemned he stood  
Sealed my pardon with his blood  
Hallelujah what a Savior

Guilty vile and helpless we  
Spotless Lamb of God was he  
Full atonement can it be  
Hallelujah what a Savior

Lifted up was he to die  
It is finished was his cry  
Now in heaven exalted high  
Hallelujah what a Savior

When he comes our glorious King  
All his ransomed home to bring  
Then anew this song we'll sing  
Hallelujah what a Savior

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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*Behold the Lamb, arr. Lyndell Leatherman*



## Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

*Because CPC is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.



### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.



### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.



### **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

## Announcements

<b>Good Friday &amp; Easter Worship</b>	Good Friday, April 18 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service  Easter Sunday, April 20 7:00 am Sunrise Service (Chapel) 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Services (Sanctuary) <i>Sunday School classes will not meet on Easter Sunday.</i>
<b>Men's Steak Night</b>	Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food Friday, April 25! Details & registration: <a href="http://cpchouston.org/steak">cpchouston.org/steak</a>
<b>Senior Sunday</b>	On Sunday, April 27, we will honor all of our graduating high school seniors during the 11:00 worship service.
<b>City Group Lunch</b>	Please join us for a City Group lunch at 12:30 pm on Sunday, May 4. If you are not currently in a City Group and would like to learn more about City Groups and how to join one, this lunch is for you! Please visit <a href="http://cpchouston.org/lunch">cpchouston.org/lunch</a> to sign up.
<b>CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp</b>	Save the date for our CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp June 10-13! We invite rising kindergarten students through fifth graders to be part of this fun-filled camp. Register today at <a href="http://cpchouston.org/camp">cpchouston.org/camp</a> .
<b>Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat</b>	We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 24-27! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. Register online at <a href="http://cpchouston.org/mo-ranch">cpchouston.org/mo-ranch</a> .
<b>Worship Choir</b>	Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.
<b>Men's Bible Study</b>	Join us for our Men's Bible Study on 1 Kings this spring! Pastor Richard Harris leads this time of teaching and small group discussion Tuesday mornings, 6:45-7:45 am, in the Chapel. Sign up at <a href="http://cpchouston.org/men">cpchouston.org/men</a> .
<b>Join a City Group</b>	City Groups are a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other believers, to discuss the Bible and other Christian books, and to pray for one another. For more information please contact Jack Smith.
<b>Sunday School</b>	Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: <a href="http://cpchouston.org/Sunday-School">cpchouston.org/Sunday-School</a>
<b>Give Online</b>	Visit <a href="http://cpchouston.org/give">cpchouston.org/give</a> to give online.



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