



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**March 28, 2024**  
*Maunder Thursday*

March 28, 2024  
7:30 pm  
Maundy Thursday

## Chiming of the Hour

### Welcome to Worshipers

Katie Murray

We gather as a community this evening to worship God.  
To center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

### Prelude

*Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*  
(*I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*)

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Calvary*

John Carter

Katherine Pottkotter, soloist; Amy Pottkotter, pianist

Some came to weep, some came to mourn;  
Some came sinners, some came reborn;  
Some came to mock him, some came to sigh,  
But he came forgiving, willing to die.

Some came in awe, some came in prayer;  
Some came grieving, some came to stare;  
Some came to worship, some wondered why,  
But he came forgiving, willing to die.

Willing to die for sinners like me;  
Willing to die that I might be free;  
Willing to die alone on a tree.  
He came, willing to die.

Some came surprised, some came dismayed;  
Some came lonely, some came afraid;  
Some came believing, some to deny,  
But he came forgiving, willing to die.

### Invocation

Timothy Peoples

### +Congregational Song

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
No. 191

PASSION CHORALE

### Reading — Mark 14:1-11

Heather Mustain

Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to be observed in two days' time. The chief priests and religious scholars were looking for some excuse to arrest Jesus and kill him. But they said, "Not during the festival, or the people may riot." While Jesus was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon, who was afflicted with leprosy, a woman entered carrying an alabaster jar of perfume made from expensive aromatic nard. After breaking the jar, she began to pour the perfume on his head. Some said to themselves indignantly, "What is the point of this extravagant waste of perfume? It could have been sold for over three hundred silver pieces, and the money given to those in need!" They were infuriated with her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you criticize her?"

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+All congregants who are able are invited to stand.  
Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

She has done me a kindness. You will always have poor people among you, and you can do them good whenever you want, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anointed my body and is preparing it for burial. The truth is, wherever the Good News is proclaimed throughout the world, what she has done will be told in her memory.” Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand Jesus over to them. Hearing what he had to say, they were jubilant and promised to give him money. Then Judas started looking for an opportune moment to betray Jesus.

**Reading** — Mark 14:12–25

Julie Girards

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the paschal lamb, the disciples said to Jesus, “Where do you want us to prepare the Passover supper for you?” He directed two of the disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and you will come upon a man carrying a water jar. Follow him into a house he enters and say to the owner, ‘The Teacher asks, “Where is my guestroom? I want to eat the Passover meal there with my disciples.”’ Then you will be shown an upstairs room, spacious, furnished, with everything in order. That is the place you are to get ready for us.” Then the disciples went off. When they reached the city, they found it just as Jesus had told them, and they prepared the Passover supper. As it grew dark, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. They reclined at table, and in the course of the meal Jesus said, “The truth is, one of you is about to betray me — one who is eating with me.” They were very upset at these words, and one by one they said to him, “Surely it’s not me!” Jesus replied, “It is one of you Twelve—one who dips into the dish with me. The Chosen One is going the way the scriptures foretell. But woe to the one by whom the Chosen One is betrayed! It were better had that person never been born.” During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body.” He likewise took a cup, gave thanks and passed it to them, and they all drank from it. Jesus said to them, “This is my blood, the blood of the Covenant, which will be poured out on behalf of many. The truth is, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until the day I drink it anew in the kingdom of God.”

**+Congregational Song**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
No. 461

BREAK BREAD

**Celebration of The Lord’s Supper**

Timothy Peoples

**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 sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

All followers of Christ are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, whether you are a Wilshire member or not. The bread used this evening is gluten free.

## Communion Meditation

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*  
Ariel Merivil, soloist

Negro Spiritual  
arr. Ariel Merivil

I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,  
I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## Congregational Song

*Jesus, Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

Choir sings first time through alone. Congregation joins as invited.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Reading — Mark 14:26-31

Charlie Fuller

After singing songs of praise, they walked out to the Mount of Olives. As they were walking Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for scripture says, ‘I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go to Galilee ahead of you.” Peter said to Jesus,

“Even though everyone may fall away, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “The truth is, this very night before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But Peter said vehemently, “Even if I have to die with you, I will not disown you!” All the other disciples said the same thing.

**Musical Meditation**

*Lead Me to Calvary*  
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Jantz Black

King of my life, I crown thee now, thine shall the glory be;  
Lest I forget thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary.

Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony;  
Lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.

Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept;  
Angels in robes of light arrayed guarded thee whilst thou slept.

May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for thee;  
Even thy cup of grief to share, thou hast borne all for me.

**Reading** — Mark 14:32-51

Darren DeMent

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane. Jesus said to them, “Sit down here while I pray.” Jesus took along with him Peter, James and John. Then he began to be very distressed and troubled, and said to them, “My heart is filled with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.” Jesus went a little further off and fell to the ground, praying that if it were possible this hour might pass him by. He said, “Abba, you have the power to do all things. Take this cup away from me. But let it be not my will, but your will.” When Jesus returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Asleep, Simon? Could you not stay awake for even an hour? Be on guard and pray that you not be put to the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Going back again, Jesus began to pray in the same words. Upon returning Jesus found them asleep once again. They could not keep their eyes open, nor did they know what to say to him. He returned a third time and said, “Still sleeping? Still taking your rest? It will have to do. The hour is upon us — the Chosen One is being handed into the clutches of evildoers. Get up, let’s go. Look! Here comes my betrayer.” While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up accompanied by a crowd carrying swords and clubs; they had been sent by the chief priests, the religious scholars and the elders. The betrayer had arranged this signal for them: “Whomever I embrace is the one; arrest him and take him away under guard.” Judas went directly to Jesus, embraced him and said, “Rabbi!” At this, they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. One of the bystanders drew a sword and struck the high priest’s attendant, cutting off an ear. Jesus then said, “Why have you come to arrest me with swords and clubs, as though I were a robber? I was within your reach daily, teaching in the Temple precincts, yet you never arrested me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” With that, all the disciples deserted Jesus and fled. Following Jesus was a youth wearing nothing but a linen cloth, whom they also tried to arrest but who fled naked, leaving the cloth behind.

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!

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!

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!

**Reading** — Mark 14:53-72

Ariel Merivil

Then they led Jesus off to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and religious scholars gathered together. Peter followed at a distance right into the high priest's courtyard, where he found a seat with the Temple guard and began to warm himself at the fire. The chief priests with the whole Sanhedrin were busy soliciting testimony against Jesus that might lead to his death, but they could not find any. Many gave false testimony against Jesus, but their stories did not agree. Some, for instance, on taking the stand, testified falsely by saying, "We heard him declare, 'I will destroy this Temple made by human hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands!'" But even in this, their testimony did not agree. The high priest stood up before the court and began to interrogate Jesus: "Have you no answer to what these people are testifying against you?" But Jesus remained silent and made no reply. Once again the high priest interrogated him: "Are you the Messiah, the Only Begotten of the Blessed One?" Jesus replied, "I am! And you will see the Chosen One seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven." At that, the high priest tore his robes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They all said Jesus was guilty and condemned him to death. Some of them began to spit on Jesus. They blindfolded and hit him, saying, "Prophesy!" The guards beat him too. While Peter was down in the courtyard, one of the attendants of the high priest came along. When she noticed Peter seated near the fire, she looked more closely at him and said, "You too were with Jesus of Nazareth." Peter said, "I don't know what you're talking about! What do you mean?" Then Peter went out into the gateway. At that moment a rooster crowed. The woman, keeping an eye on him, started again to tell the bystanders, "He's one of them." Once again Peter denied it. A little later the bystanders said to him once more, "You are certainly one of them! You're a Galilean, aren't you?" Peter began to curse, and swore, "I don't even know who you're talking about!" The cock crowed a second time. And Peter recalled the prediction Jesus had made: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." He rushed away, weeping.

Reading — Mark 15:1–20

Katie Murray

As soon as it was daybreak the chief priests, the elders and religious scholars and the whole Sanhedrin reached a decision. They bound Jesus and led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, who interrogated him. “Are you the King of the Jews?” he asked. Jesus responded, “You are the one who is saying it.” The chief priests then brought many accusations against him. Pilate interrogated Jesus again: “Surely you have some answer? See how many accusations they are leveling against you!” But to Pilate’s astonishment, Jesus made no further response. Now whenever there was a festival, Pilate would release for them one prisoner — anyone they asked for. There was a prisoner named Barabbas who was jailed along with the rioters who had committed murder in the uprising. When the crowd came to ask that Pilate honor the custom, Pilate rejoined, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” Pilate was aware, of course, that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. But the chief priests incited the crowd to have him release Barabbas instead. Pilate again asked them, “What am I to do with the one you call the King of the Jews?” The people shouted back, “Crucify him!” “Why?” Pilate asked. “What crime has he committed?” But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them, and, after having Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led Jesus away into the hall known as the Praetorium; then they assembled the whole battalion. They dressed Jesus in royal purple, then wove a crown of thorns and put it on him. They began to salute him: “All hail! King of the Jews!” They kept striking Jesus on the head with a reed, spitting at him and kneeling in front of him pretending to pay homage. When they had finished mocking him, they stripped him of the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. Then they led him out to be crucified.

**Anthem**

*Were You There*  
Sanctuary Choir

Kyle Pederson

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

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.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

A passerby named Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was coming in from the fields. The soldiers pressed him into service to carry Jesus' cross. Then they brought Jesus to the site of Golgotha — which means "Skull Place." They tried to give him wine drugged with myrrh, but he would not take it. Then they nailed him to the cross and divided up his garments by rolling dice for them to see what each should take. It was about nine in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription listing the charge read, "The King of the Jews." With Jesus they crucified two robbers, one at his right and one at his left. People going by insulted Jesus, shaking their heads and saying, "So you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Save yourself now by coming down from that cross!" The chief priests and the religious scholars also joined in and jeered, "He saved others, but he can't save himself! Let 'the Messiah, the King of Israel' come down from that cross right now so that we can see it and believe in him!" Those who had been crucified with him hurled the same insult. When noon came, darkness fell on the whole countryside and lasted until about three in the afternoon. At three, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" A few of the bystanders who heard it remarked, "Listen! He is calling on Elijah!" Someone ran and soaked a sponge in sour wine and stuck it on a reed to try to make Jesus drink, saying, "Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down." Then Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last.

### The Darkness Descends

Please leave the Sanctuary in silence.

Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music/Organist  
 Darren DeMent, Associate Pastor  
 Charlie Fuller, Director of Pathways to Ministry  
 Julie Girards, Minister to Children  
 Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music  
 Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults  
 Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor  
 Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor

**On the cover:** *Can you drink this cup I am about to drink?*, Rev. John Kiefer.



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