



**Wilshire**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

**April 17, 2025**  
*Maundy Thursday*

## Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

7:30 p.m.

### Chiming of the Hour

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

### Welcome to Worshipers

Timothy Peoples

### Prelude

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, No. 10, Op. 122*

Johannes Brahms

### Invocation

Maggie Morey

One: What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

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

One: Merciful Savior,  
We have traveled this long, dusty Lenten journey.  
Our feet are tired, dirty, aching, and calloused.  
You have shown us your love by becoming a humble servant.

**All: Humble us when we try to travel without you.**

One: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another.

**All: Humble us when we believe some work is below us.**

One: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another.

**All: Humble us when we are too proud to accept help, or care, or love.**

One: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another.

**All: Humble us when we do not fully receive the gift of your amazing and bountiful grace.**

One: As Christ has washed us, so let us wash one another.

**All: May the humility of your sacrifice cause us to live lives that extend your mercy, love and justice to all people. Amen.**

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

**Reading** — Mark 14:1–11

Georgia McKee

It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him, for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.” While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

**Anthem***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*  
Shekinah

Molly Ijames

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that foll’west all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall ever tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to hide from thee;  
I lay in dust life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red,  
Life that shall endless be.

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

## Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Timothy Peoples

## Communion Meditation

*Agnus Dei* (from *Mass in G Minor*)

Vaughan Williams

Nova

Mike Capps, director

Bill Jernberg, accompanist

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give us peace.

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ “But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Even though all fall away, I will not.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

**Congregational Song***Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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No. 180

Stanzas 1–3

**Reading — Mark 14:32–52**

Katie Murray

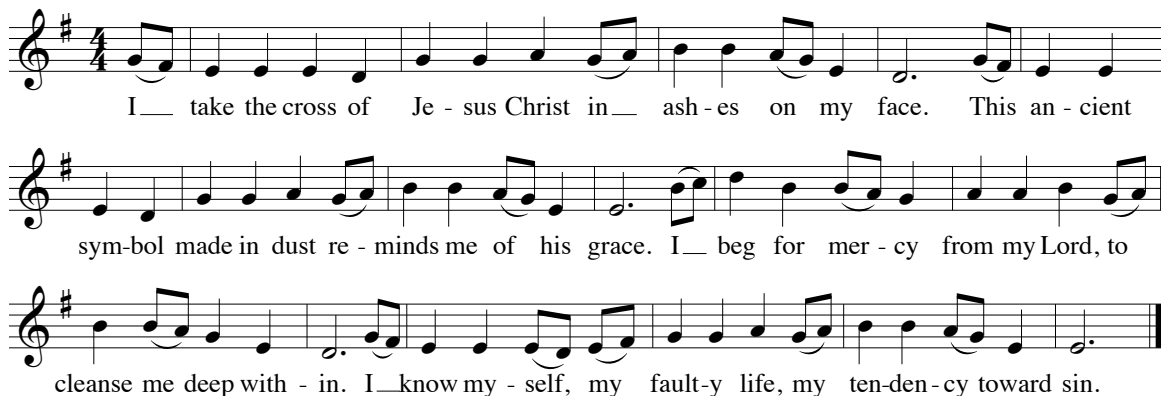
They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.” Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

**Reading — Mark 14:53–72**

Darren DeMent

They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest, and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’” But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” Jesus said, “I am, and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’” Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the female servants of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the female servant, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean, and you talk like one.” But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.” At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.



I take the cross of Je - sus Christ in ash - es on my face. This an - cient  
sym-bol made in dust re - minds me of his grace. I beg for mer - cy from my Lord, to  
cleanse me deep with - in. I know my - self, my fault-y life, my ten-den - cy toward sin.

**Prayer of Confession**

Charlie Fuller

One: God of grace,  
we confess that we have elevated  
the things of this world above you.

**All: We have made idols of possessions and people  
and used your name for causes  
that are not consistent with you and your purposes.**

One: We have permitted our schedules to come first  
and have not taken the time to worship you.

**All: We have not always honored those who guided us in life.  
We have participated in systems  
that take life instead of give it.**

One: We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships.

**All: We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,  
and we have misrepresented others' intentions.**

One: Forgive us, O God,  
for the many ways we fall short of your glory.

**All: Help us to learn to live together according to your ways  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

This cross of ash-es on my brow re - minds me life is brief. From dust I came, to  
dust I go through sor - row, pain, and grief. These for - ty days are set a - side for  
those who share the call to take the cross, de - ny them-selves, and give to Christ their all.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

**Reading** — Mark 15:1-20

Maggie Morey

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 insurrectionists 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. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.



Walk with me, Lord. Walk with me.  
Walk with me, Lord. Walk with me.  
All along this tedious journey,  
Walk with me, Lord.  
Please walk with me.

When I'm burdened, walk with me.  
When I'm burdened, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed down in sorrow,  
Walk with me, Lord.  
Please walk with me, O Lord, hmm.

Along this tedious journey, Lord,  
Please walk with me.  
You are my shield. You are my sword.  
Please walk with me.  
Until I make it safely home,  
Lord, walk with me.

When my head is bowed down in sorrow,  
Walk with me, Lord.  
Please walk with me.  
O Lord, walk with me.

I am weary, walk with me.  
I am weary, walk with me.

**Reading — Mark 15:21–37**

Georgia McKee

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two rebels, 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.

### **The Darkness Descends**

A sudden loud noise will be heard.

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

Georgia McKee, Pastoral Resident

Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music

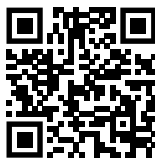
Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident

Katie Murray, Minister to Senior Adults

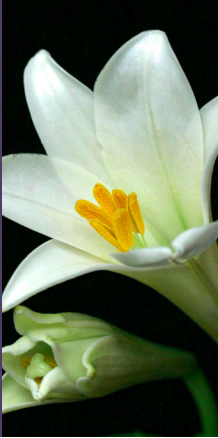
Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor

Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor

**On the cover:** *Jesus Is Tempted* from *Stations in the Street*, Scott Erickson.



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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## Stations of the Cross

Good Friday is the last day to visit our Stations of the Cross exhibit in McIver Chapel. The exhibit features the art of Scott Erickson and invites us to reflect as we walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross. The building will close tomorrow at 3 p.m.

## Easter Sunrise Service

**April 20 | 6:30 a.m. | T. & P. Hill, White Rock Lake** | Offered in partnership with Northway Christian Church.

## Service of Remembrance

**April 20 | 9:30 a.m. | Columbarium** | This brief service is geared toward those with loved ones memorialized in the Columbarium, which will be open for visits from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Easter Sunday worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

**April 20** | The Sanctuary shutters, closed during Lent, will be opened as we celebrate Easter through word and song. We'll hear music from Sanctuary Choir and orchestra plus Jeff Brummel's traditional organ postlude, the Widor *Toccata*.

■ **Flowering Cross.** Stop by Easter morning to place a flower into the mesh-wrapped wooden cross outside the Sanctuary. Bring your own fresh-cut flowers or take one from a limited supply provided by the church.

## Lenten resources

Visit [wilshirebc.org/lent](http://wilshirebc.org/lent) for our **Lenten resource guide** on spiritual practices, a **family Lenten guide** with ideas for parents and a link to our eclectic **Lenten playlist**.



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