

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 17, 2025
Maundy Thursday



Gathering As a People of God

Preparation: “When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ... “But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!” Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. Luke 22:14-16, 21-23

Welcome

Rebecca Mattern

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *O Sorrow Deep*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Johannes Brahms

Choral Introit

Go to Dark Gethsemane
PCO Chancel Choir
Westin Sorrel, director

* **Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 116)

Vickie Marcus, Liturgist

One: I love the Lord because the Lord has heard my voice and my cries.

All: The Lord inclined his ear to me; therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

One: When the thorns and snares of the wilderness encompassed me and I suffered distress and anguish,

All: I called on the name of the Lord, “O Lord, I pray, rescue me!”

One: Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.

All: Let us worship the one who protects and saves us.

* **Hymn # 521**

In Remembrance of Me (Repeat two times)
[Red]

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Mattern

One: God, in your goodness and mercy, you forgive us and instruct us how to live with your will rather than our own in the center of our lives. So it is in this space and at this time, that we are able to come and bear the wilderness of our sin before you. We pray:

All: Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will. Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. Forgive us when we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to

benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. Strengthen us with your Spirit so that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. *Silent prayer.* Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Rebecca Mattern

One: By the mercy of our loving God, we have been forgiven. As we move from the wilderness of sin to the garden of grace, Christ calls us to live in peace and community with one another.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

* **Response #447**

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God!

The Word

Prayer of Illumination #288

Spirit of the Living God

sung together

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 116:12-19

Vickie Marcus, Liturgist

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Remembering the Wilderness

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner

PCO Chancel Choir

Locus iste a Deo factus est,

inaestimabile sacramentum,

irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God,

a priceless sacrament,

it is without reproach.

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rebecca Mattern

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

You are invited to join in singing *What Wondrous Love is This* (#215) during the prayer. Prompts are included to signal when to sing.

Eternal God, it is right to give our thanks and praise, for your love marks the expanse of creation ...
And so we join our voices with the multitude of the ages, singing joyfully of your wondrous love:

**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 heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul.**

Your love in Jesus Christ is wondrous, almighty God. In him you stepped into our world ...
And so we sing our praise to you for the wonder of this gift:

**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!**

And so gather us with those millions, loving Lord...
and we are free to sing with all creation forever and ever:

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours,
almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice and partake as you return to your seat. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

Communion Prayer

Rebecca Mattern

Sent Out As a People of God

* **Hymn #206**

This is the Night (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

[My Neighbor]

Stripping of the Chancel

Peter's Denial Foretold: Mark 14:26-31

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: Mark 14:32-42

Rebecca Mattern

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Depart in Silence

Usher: Jayne Zuhlke

Journey through Holy Week Prayer Stations are available following the service, including foot washing in Fellowship Hall. Instruction sheets are located in Fellowship Hall.

Community Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18 at PCO

Featuring the Gounod Requiem sung by a joint choir from Okemos Community Church and PCO.

Service online at okemospres.org. Journey through Holy Week Prayer Stations open 6:00-7:00 p.m. and after service until 9:00 pm.

Easter Sunday Service – We welcome you to join us on Easter Sunday for the worship service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary or online. The service will include communion and special music from a Brass Quintet, Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir and singing of the Hallelujah Chorus. You are invited to stay for Easter brunch following the service hosted by our Parish Life Committee. We welcome all.

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from words by Moira Laidlaw, and posted online at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/confession-wilderness-places.html>. The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving was written by the Rev. Andy James and can be found online at <https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/03/25/maundy-thursday-communion-prayer-wondrous-love/>

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