

SEASON OF LENT

2022

Singing the Lord's Song in Lent · St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday | April 14, 2022 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY

“Ave verum corpus”

Elgar

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:

Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

The Chancel Choir

OPENING SENTENCES

Chris Currie

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN 514

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

SCHMÜCKE DICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O Lord our God, if we have used your house solely for our selfish purposes, as if you did not mind or it did not matter, forgive us.

If we have covered your house with tradition, but not also hallowed it by prayers, forgive us.

If we have made your house a house only for one nation, or part of a nation, or only part of the whole church, forgive us. And if we can see clearly the misuse others make of your house and are blind to our own malpractices, forgive us.

As we gather here this night to remember your commandment to love one another, kindle in us the desire to make all your sanctuaries the shop windows of heaven rather than the religious theme parks of earth.

SILENT REFLECTION

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Blackmon

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN 211

“Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice”

CHARLESTOWN

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (response: **Thanks be to God.**)

Exodus 12:1-14

ANTHEM

“Verily, Thou Shalt Be with Me in Paradise” from *Seven Last Words*

Dubois

Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise to-day with me. Amen, so I tell thee. Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

Kameron Lopreore, tenor; Frank Convit, baritone; The Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (response: **Thanks be to God.**)

John 13:1-17, 31-35

SERMON

“Shadows Lengthen”

Chris Currie

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison, from “The Presbyterian Study Catechism”)

What do you affirm when you say that Jesus ‘suffered under Pontius Pilate’?

First, that our Lord was rejected and abused by the authorities of that time, both religious and political. Second, and even more importantly, that he submitted to condemnation by an earthly judge so that we might be acquitted before our heavenly Judge.

What do you affirm when you say that Jesus was ‘crucified, dead, and buried’?

From Christ’s lonely and terrible death, we learn that there is no sorrow he has not known, no grief he has not borne, and no price he was unwilling to pay in order to reconcile us to God.

*HYMN 506

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table”

COPELAND

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Hymnal, page 35)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

“Love Bade Me Welcome” from *Five Mystical Songs*

Vaughn Williams

Taylor Miller, baritone

“Drop, Drop, Slow Tears”

Gibbons

The Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

PSALM 22

Judith Halverson

There is no benediction. Please depart in silence. The service continues Good Friday, 12 p.m.

*Please stand as you are able