



*A Service of Word and Table*  
*Maundy Thursday*  
*April 13, 2017*  
*Seven-thirty in the evening*



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GROWING  
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# Music Notes

The prelude on **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** (*Passion Chorale*) is an arrangement by Raymond Haan for cello and organ. Haan was born in Michigan in 1938. He has been the Director of Music for the Cutlerville East Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids since 1960. He is the composer of hundreds of compositions for organ, voice, choir, handbells, piano, and other instruments. The *Passion Chorale*, also known as the hymntune *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* was first associated with a sacred text in 1613. It was originally a court song by the great Renaissance composer Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612), published in 1601.

The introit **If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee** is a harmonization by J.S. Bach of the tune *Wer nur den lieben Gott* composed by Georg Neumark in 1657. When Neumark was 18 years old, he was traveling across Germany to school when he was robbed of all his personal possessions and money. He spent the next two years looking for work amidst the economic hardships of the Thirty Years War. Finally, at the age of 20, he found employment as a tutor for a judge in Kiel. He was apparently so relieved and grateful that later that night he wrote this text of trust and gratitude, saying, “This good fortune, which came so suddenly and, as it were, from heaven, so rejoiced my heart that I wrote my hymn to the glory of my God on that first day” (Psalter Hymnal Handbook, 611).

**Agnus Dei** is a setting (1996) from the Ordinary of the Mass (Roman Rite) by Paul Halley, b.1952 in England. He came to the US after studying in Canada and served as organist/choirmaster at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC. Halley is Director of Music at University of King's College Chapel and Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax. This contemporary serene, lyrical setting of an ancient text with unusual harmonies adds the ‘voice’ of the cello.

**Den Tod niemand zwingen kunnt** (movement III verse II) from Johann Sebastian Bach’s Cantata no. 4 is a setting for women’s voices, with the falling minor second given the words “Den Tod” (Death) – by no means the only instance of tone painting in this work. Placed early in Bach’s creative life on stylistic grounds, this cantata is generally agreed to have been the one he presented as an audition piece when, at the age of twenty-two, he was invited to apply for the post of organist at the church of St. Blaise in Mühlhausen, the major city in the region of his birth. Of course, Bach got the job. Indeed, the city authorities, knowing their man in advance, did not consider any other candidate. Notes from Columbia University School of the Arts

**Crucifixus** is from the B Minor Mass of J.S. Bach (1685-1750). Although Bach’s Mass in B Minor is revered for its overwhelming dramatic sweep and sense of unity, it was not originally created as a single work. It is made up of music composed over a 25-year period, some of it adapted, some of it new. It was not until the late 1740s, near the end of his life, that Bach began to expand this mass, already his largest and most complex, into a full Catholic mass. In assembling his music into a complete Latin mass, Bach turned to a form with a classic tradition and a sense of permanence, one that transcended the tastes of his day and the specific practices of his own denomination. *Crucifixus* is the central movement of the Credo; it has the hypnotic repeating bass line of a passacaglia. Remarkably, the bass line, which repeats every 4 bars, is never harmonized the same way twice. Bach adapted this movement from a chorus in his Cantata no.12 and is written in larger note values to suggest an older style. Program notes by Martin Pearlman

**What Wondrous Love Is This** is a setting for cello and organ by Raymond Haan (see prelude notes above) of an American folk hymn.

**Drop, Drop, Slow Tears** evokes the tears of Mary Magdalene wetting the feet of Jesus (Luke 7:38). The poem by Phineas Fletcher was published in 1633. Orlando Gibbons actually wrote only the melody and bass of the setting ascribed to him, and there is much doubt that he had Fletcher’s poem in mind. As is often the case in marrying text to tune, it often falls to a subsequent editor to combine the two.

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠Please stand in body and/or spirit.

*Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.*

*Childcare for children age 3 and younger is available in our nursery (room 210). Please see an usher for more information.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Bill Davis

*Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God. Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Sacred Head*  
Susanna Mendlow, cello

arr. Raymond Haan

### INTROIT

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J.S. Bach

### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Psalms 34*)

Jill Robinson

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;  
**happy are those who take refuge in him.**

### ✠HYMN

*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

Hymnal no. 325

### ✠OPENING COLLECT

Pastor Bill Davis

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
for on the night before he suffered,  
your Anointed One instituted  
the sacrament of his body and blood.  
Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully  
in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in these holy mysteries  
gives us a pledge of eternal life;  
and who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

Pew Bible, OT, Page 58

Jill Robinson

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei*

Paul Halley

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pew Bible, NT, Page 173

Jill Robinson

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM

*Den Tod from Cantata No. 4*

J.S. Bach

*Nobody could overcome death among all the children of mankind. Our sin was the cause of all this, no innocence was to be found. Therefore death came so quickly and seized power over us, held us captive in his kingdom. Amen.*

✠GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Pew Bible, NT, Page 107

Pastor Bill Davis

<sup>1</sup>Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

“How Will They Know?”

Pastor Bill Davis

✠HYMN

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

Hymnal no. 549

WORDS OF INVITATION

Pastor Bill Davis

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds you have been healed. – 1 Peter 2:24  
As we prepare to partake of the holy meal  
which Christ provides at his table,  
let us confess our sin in the truth of God’s Spirit.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Most merciful God,**  
**we your church confess**  
**that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.**  
**We have failed to love one another as he loves us.**  
**We have pledged loyalty to him with our lips**  
**and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him.**  
**Forgive us our sin, we pray;**  
**and, by your Spirit, make us faithful in every time of trial;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.  
But Christ suffered and died for us,  
was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,  
and continues to intercede for us.  
Believe the good news:  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

✠THE PEACE

*Let us offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Crucifixus*

J.S. Bach

*He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried*

✠DOXOLOGY

*Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*

Hymnal no. 296 (*stanza 5*)

Un-to God be praise and glo - ry: to the Fa-ther and the Son,  
to th'e-ter-nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;  
praise and glo-ry in the high - est, while un-end-ing a - ges run.

✠THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Musical Setting C*

Hymnal No. 20

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*Christ invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the Communion station nearest you. The center station is for those who require gluten-free bread. We serve Holy Communion by intinction. Please extend your hands to receive the bread and then dip the bread into the cup as it is offered to you. After you partake, you also may kneel at the rail for prayer and meditation.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Raymond Haan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God,  
we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
As you transform and strengthen us  
by this sacrament of Christ's body and blood,  
grant that the fruit of the Spirit  
will show forth in the way we live;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*Drop, Drop Slow Tears*

Orlando Gibbons

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet which brought from heaven the news and Prince of peace: Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat; to cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease: In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

*The furnishings adorning the chancel are removed in preparation for Good Friday.*

SILENCE

*Please depart in silence.*

If you are unable to attend Good Friday's Prayer Vigil between Noon and 3 PM tomorrow, please pick-up a copy of the Self-Guided Prayer Vigil on the table in the Narthex on your way out.

## Those Serving in Worship Today

*Chancel Steward: Ellan Moore*  
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*Greeters: Erin and Isaiah Odoyo*  
*Liturgist: Jill Robinson*  
*Pew Duty: John Ploch*  
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*Margaret Barton*  
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*Tyler Williams*

Today marks three key events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet; his institution of the Lord's Supper; and his new commandment to love one another. This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset today to sunset on Easter Sunday. Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples. In other words, this is "new commandment" Thursday!

We invite you to join us tomorrow, Good Friday, for a Self-Guided Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary between Noon and 3:00 PM. Printed resource guides will be available for your use and you may be here throughout the time or a portion thereof.

And please plan to be with us this Sunday at 10:45 AM as we join in a festive celebration of Christ's resurrection with music, the gospel both read and proclaimed, and partaking of Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.

We encourage you to join us each Sunday morning throughout the year for our Adult Forum at 9:30 AM, Children's Sunday School at 10:00 AM and Worship at 11:00. We regularly include people of all ages, as well as families, in our life together as both leaders and active participants. We faithfully commit ourselves to creating opportunities for worship, fellowship, spiritual formation, and mission for all persons. If you are looking for a new church home, or wish to learn more about Trinity United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Bill Davis at [pastor@trinityalexandria.org](mailto:pastor@trinityalexandria.org).



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