

May Memorial Baptist Church



Maundy Thursday *“I Love the LORD, for He Heard My Voice”*

April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Greeting

Michael Edwards

Psalm 116 (partial)

Michael Edwards

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
He heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
I will sacrifice a thank offering to him
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord-
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Prelude

Thanks Be to Thee

Peter Edison

G. F. Handel

* Call to Worship

Ashley Edwards

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. On this day, Christ, the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

On this day, Christ our Lord gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection.

* Invocation

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Psalm 116 (partial)

Ashley Edwards

I love the Lord for he heard my voice,
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,

I will call on him as long as I live.

The cords of death entangled me;

the anguish of the grave came upon me.

I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

"O Lord, save me!"

For you, O Lord, have delivered.

my soul from death, my eyes from tears,

my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the Lord

in the land of the living.

Solo

To a Wild Rose

Peter Edison

Edward MacDowell

WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

Michael Edwards

My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant.

Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

**Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,
where we have pledged loyalty to him with our
lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him,
forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of
trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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! Glory to God. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM AND HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading
Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Michael Edwards

Psalm 116 (partial)

Andrew Snead

I love the Lord for he heard my voice,
he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.
The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearted;
when I was in great need, he saved me.
Be at rest once more, O my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.

Gospel Reading
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Ashley Edwards

Homily
Rename Today

Michael Edwards

Solo
Ave Verum Corpus

Andrew Snead
W. A. Mozart

How can I repay the Lord
for all his goodness to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant,
the son of your maidservant; you have freed me from my chains.

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord.

**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord- in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord.

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation

Words of Institution

Prayer (Ending with the Lord's Prayer)

Anthem

Ensemble

In Remembrance of Me

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

WE GO FORTH WITH THE HOPE OF NEW LIFE

Tolling of the Bell

In the darkness, the bell is tolled 33 times, representing the years of Jesus' life, and the Bible is slammed shut, echoing the tomb. The world is bereft of both the Light and the Word. The congregation may remain in prayer or depart in silence.

Depart in Silence