

# WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

### APRIL 18, 2019

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*We gather in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God and  
by the power of the Holy Spirit do God's work in the world.*

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## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

“Even in slumber, even in dreaming, even in sorrow, even in pain: awake, awake,  
awake my soul to the One who keeps vigil at all times.”

— *Blessing for Staying Awake* by Jan Richardson

## THE GATHERING

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

**PRELUDE**

O Mensch, bewein dein sünde gross

J. S. Bach

**PASTORAL GREETING**

**ENTERING OF THE LIGHT**

*The Christ Candle, which is placed on the table, symbolizes that Jesus is the Light of the World.*

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\*To all who are able, please stand as we offer God thanks and praise.

**Bold type face** indicates that the congregation participates in word or song.

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Holy God, we gather here tonight to worship and praise you.

**All: We gather in this sacred place where, over many generations, our forebearers have gathered to worship you.**

Leader: Loving Savior, you hear our prayers, our sighs, our doubts, and all our fears.

**All: We give you our thanks for your endless love, awareness, and care to your disciples around the world.**

Leader: Everlasting Spirit, we gather to again fulfill our commitments to our God in the presence of the covenant community.

**All: We offer our sacrifice, our homage, our gifts of praise and thankfulness to our God.**

## \*HYMN 340

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the utmost; Jesus – Savior and Lord – who at his last meal with his disciples gave them – and us – that new commandment: “Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## \*CONFESSION (Responsive)

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that our discipleship has been weak when we have failed to serve as Jesus served,

**All: forgive us.**

Leader: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

**All: forgive us.**

Leader: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions,

**All: forgive us in your infinite mercy, O God, and empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

**KYRIE**

Requiem aeternam  
From *Requiem*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Te decet hymnus Deus in Zion, et tibi redetur votum in Jerusalem:  
Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let light shine upon them forever.  
You, Lord, are worshipped in Zion, and your praises shall be sung in Jerusalem.  
Hear my prayer, for all flesh shall return to you.*

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved, and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (Unison)

**God of Exodus and Resurrection, you have promised to write your Word on our hearts. As we hear the reading of your Word, teach us your love, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may show forth the light of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** *Exodus 12:21-27*

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 116 - HYMN 799**

*I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry*

I LOVE THE LORD

**SECOND LESSON:** *Matthew 26:26-30, 36-44*

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"In the Garden"*

Pastor Rachel Hébert

**\*HYMN 655**

*What Shall I Render to the Lord*

MARTYRDOM

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Leader: This is for you, but it may change you from one who is anxiously concerned about their own redemption into one who knows that Christ's body is the earth, and all who walk upon it are one in him. This is for you, but it may change you into knowing that we are not redeemed by our being good, but by our being connected. This is for you, but it may change you into knowing that daring to eat at the table of Jesus Christ produces unimaginable transformation. So come, come to be made whole, and to participate in the work of making us one with Christ and each other.

## PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty.....And, as he taught us, so we pray:

**All: 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Pie Jesu*

RUTTER

From *Requiem*

Ellen Peters, soprano

*Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.*

*Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.*

*Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.*

*Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Holy God, we are caught in the tension of light and shadow, death and resurrection. We look for you in the space between the world and the Kingdom, longing for the fulfillment of your Word in the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## STRIPPING OF THE TABLE

The Table represents Christ, and the removal of the vessels is symbolic of the humiliation of Christ. Scripture is read as the items are removed and carried out of the sanctuary.

The Removal of the Bread – *Psalm 22:1-8*

The Removal of the Cup – *Psalm 22:9-11, 14-15*

The Removal of the Cloth – *Psalm 22:18-20, 24*

## ENTRANCE OF THE CROWN OF THORNS

## SILENT MEDITATION

### MEDITATION RESPONSE

Spiegel im Spiegel  
Stephen Custer, cello

Pärt

## DISMISSAL

**After the pastors depart, please depart in silence.**

The worship service continues tomorrow with a  
**Good Friday Service of Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m.**

All are invited to worship.

“Tenebrae” is “darkness.” “Maundy” is derived from John 13:34, “*Mandatum novum do vobis, a new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another, as I have loved you.*”

This is Jesus’ final lesson in charity, humility and friendship.

**OUR PASTORS AND THOSE SERVING OUR LORD THIS EVENING**

**PASTORS**

John E. Morgan, Pastor  
Rachel Hébert, Associate Pastor for Community Care

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music  
Norman Elton, Organist, Assistant Director of Music

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Ellen Peters, soprano  
Stephen Custer, cello

**USHERS**

Jim Austin, Ray Whitney, Pat Murray

∞ HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES ∞

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 19

7pm\*

Easter Sunday Services

April 21

8am, 9:30am\*, 11am\*\*

\*9:30am service is live-streamed on [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org).

\*\*11:00am service is broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740.

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~ WORDS OF WELCOME AND INFORMATION ~

- **Welcome to Williamsburg Presbyterian Church!** Any Usher (designated with a name tag) will be glad to answer your questions, help you find your way around, or help you find ways to connect with the ministries and people in this community of faith. Please feel free to ask an usher for large-print worship bulletins and hymns, directions to the nursery, restrooms, coat racks or access ramps.
- **We offer a nursery for infants and toddlers during the worship services.** Please see an usher for assistance. At our 11am worship service, children 3 years old through second grade begin in the main service, and then go to “*Wee Worship*,” a worship experience designed especially for children.
- **Restrooms are located in the Narthex** and through the side doors on the left near the front of the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to direct you.
- **If you would like invitations to special events and concerts,** please sign your name and email address in the Friendship Folder at the end of each pew. We will be happy to send you information—and hope to see you again!
- **For those of you with a T-coil option** installed in your hearing aid, our sanctuary includes two loop systems allowing you to better understand the spoken word. Although you may find adequate reception in many pew seating locations on the main floor, the highest signal levels will be between the two lines shown in the photo (4th-6th rows) and extends from the center aisle to the pew divider in each row.
- **The Christian Education Ministry provides worship bags for children to use during the worship service.** You will find them hanging on a rack outside the side door to the sanctuary. They include worship bulletins with space to color, pipe cleaners for busy and creative hands, and book marks to help children mark the pages for the hymns and scripture of the day. Take a moment to enjoy the beautiful display (outside the sanctuary) created from children’s artwork from the worship bags!



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- 1) Use PayPal send your offering to [giving@mywpc.org](mailto:giving@mywpc.org).
- 2) Text the dollar amount you wish to give to 757-607-4675; be sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Within minutes you will receive a response to lead you to the next steps.
- 3) Scan the QR code at left to access the WPC online giving page, [mywpc.org/give](http://mywpc.org/give).

- **Did you know?** WPC is an eligible AmazonSmile charity! Learn more at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).