



**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 17, 2025 7:30pm**

*This service begins the Triduum, the three-day period from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day. The name "Maundy Thursday" comes from the Latin mandatum novum, referring to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34).*

SONG TO PREPARE

"Prepare the Way"

Darrell Evans  
& Eric Nuzum

All

**He has come to bring light into the darkness**  
**He has come to bring freedom to the captives**  
**He has come to restore the broken-hearted**  
**It's time to proclaim the year of the Lord**  
**Prepare the way (prepare the way) ~ Prepare the way for our Redeemer**  
**Prepare the way (prepare the way) ~ Prepare the way for our Restorer**  
**Make ready your heart, make ready your home**  
**Make ready the people of God. ~ Prepare the way**

**He has come to bring hope to the hopeless**  
**He has come to comfort all who mourn**  
**He has come to heal our every sickness**  
**It's time to proclaim the year of the Lord**

March 28, 2024

Prepare the way (prepare the way) ~ Prepare the way for our Redeemer  
 Prepare the way (prepare the way) ~ Prepare the way for our Restorer  
 Make ready your heart, make ready your home  
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\*Call to Worship

Rev. Karen Wright

ONE: What shall we return to the LORD for all God's bounty to us?

ALL: **We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;  
 We will say our vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.**

\*SONG TO PRAISE

"Hymn of Heaven"

as recorded by Phil Wickham

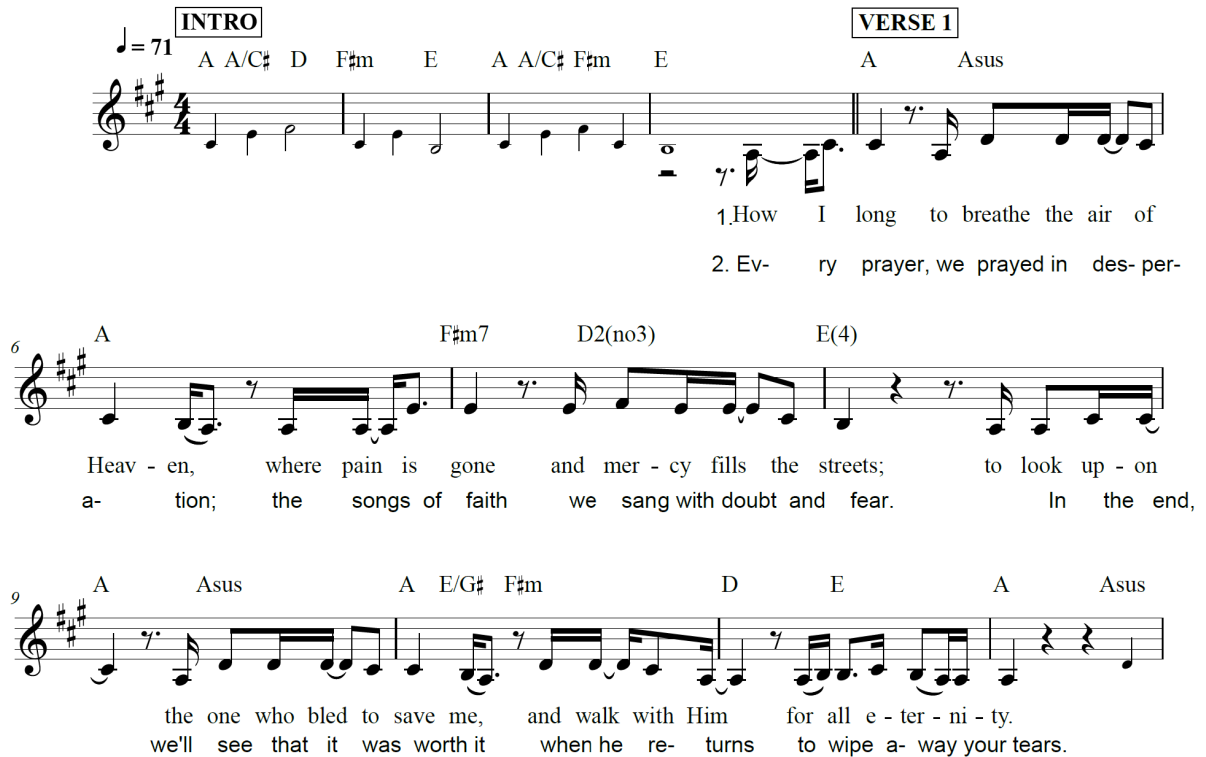
### Hymn Of Heaven

(based on the recording by Phil Wickham)

Words and Music by  
 Phil Wickham, Bill Johnson,  
 Brian Johnson and Chris Davenport

**INTRO** **VERSE 1**

♩ = 71 A A/C# D F#m E A A/C# F#m E A Asus



1. How I long to breathe the air of  
 2. Ev-ry prayer, we prayed in des-per-  
 Heav - en, where pain is gone and mer - cy fills the streets; to look up - on  
 a - tion; the songs of faith we sang with doubt and fear. In the end,  
 the one who bled to save me, and walk with Him for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 we'll see that it was worth it when he re - turns to wipe a - way your tears.

**CHORUS 1**

A D2 Esus A

13 There will be a day when all will bow be - fore Him. There will be a

D2 F#m7 E(4) A/C# D2 E(4) A A/C# D2 2nd time to Coda

16 day when death will be no more. Stand - ing face to face with He who died and rose a - gain.

E(4) A A/C# D F#m E

20 Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

## INVITATION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## SONG TO REFLECT

## “Communion Song”

Jonathan Stockstill

Praise Team

*Let's have a meal. Let me reveal who I am: I'm your savior.  
I will kneel down and wash all the sin from your soul. I'm your servant;  
I am all you need.  
I'm the lamb that was slain, and my blood washes you clean.  
I'm the pure sacrifice. Let my life give you life.  
I'm the lamb.*

*I am the bread given for everyone; I sustain you.  
Drink from the cup; it is my blood shed for all. I'm redemption;  
I'm the lamb that was slain, and my blood washes you clean.  
I'm the pure sacrifice. Let my life give you life.  
I'm the lamb.*

*We cry worthy ~ we cry worthy ~ we cry worthy is the lamb of God.  
You're the lamb that was slain, and your blood washes us clean.  
You're the pure sacrifice. Let your life give us life.  
You're the lamb.*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1–4; 11–14 (NRSVue)

Cheryl Johnson

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 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. 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.

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. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 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. “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.

#### Scripture Reading

John 13:1–17; 31–35 (NRSVue)

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. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot

would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you 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."

## MEDITATION

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## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Say: "This is the bread of life given for you."

Say: "This is the cup of hope poured out for you."

Responses might be "Thanks be to God" or "Amen."

*(All are invited to come forward to a Table when prompted by the ushers.)*

*The trays contain grape juice. Gluten free crackers are available.)*

Communion Music

“How Beautiful”

Twila Paris

*Praise Team*

*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.*

*How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.*

*How beautiful, how beautiful.*

*How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.*

*How beautiful the tender the eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.*

*How beautiful, how beautiful.*

*And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died:*

*Willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.*

*How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the king.*

*How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.*

*How beautiful, how beautiful.*

Prayer after Communion

\*SONG TO SEND

“Beautiful Scandalous Night”

# Beautiful Scandalous Night

Words and Music by  
Derald Daugherty and Steve Hindalong

**VERSE 1a**

$\text{♩} = 47$

A5 A Asus

Go on up to the moun - tain of mer - cy to the crim - son per - pet - u - al tide;

4 A A2(no3) E D A Asus A A2(no3)

Kneel down on the shore, be thirst - y no more. Go un - der and be pu - ri - fied; 2. Fol - low

**VERSE 2**

A D2(no3) A A D2(no3) A

Christ to the ho - ly moun - tain. Sin - ner sor - ry and wrecked by the fall, cleanse your  
(3.) hill - side you will be de - liv - ered, at the foot of the cross jus - ti - fied. And your

13 E D A D2(no3) A

heart and your soul in the foun - tain that flows for you and for me and for all. At the  
spir - it re - stored by the riv - er that pours from our bless - ed Sav - ior's side.

**CHORUS**

E D A E

won - der - ful, trag - ic, mys - te - ri - ous tree, on that beau - ti - ful, scan - dal - ous night

20 D A E C#7/E# F#m D

you and me were a-toned by His blood and for-ev-er washed white, on that

**TURNAROUND**

23 A E A A D2(no3) A A

beau-ti-ful scan-dal-ous night. 3. On the

### \*CLOSING PRAYER

**God, we receive the love of Christ. We receive his great example,  
We receive the power and work he demonstrated by your spirit;  
And we receive the commands he has given.  
This is Christ's command: That we love one another. (John 13:34)  
This is Christ's legacy which we receive as the gift of heaven:  
Where once there was sacrifice, now there is mercy. (Hosea 6:6)  
Where once there was flesh and blood,  
Now there are bread and wine. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)  
The mercy of God has been made known in the body of Christ.  
The character of God has been made known in the work of Christ.  
He has shown us a way forward, and we will follow the path of peace.**

*\*Stand in body or spirit*

*The service is not over. It continues tomorrow evening at Good Friday Worship and concludes with our joyful celebration on Easter morning. The worship services are really one service providing us an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy. They invite us to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Last Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward new and everlasting life at Easter.*



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## Good Friday Service

April 18 at 7:30pm

### EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES — 9 AND 11AM

Come and join us as we celebrate the resurrection this **Sunday, April 20**, in Grace Covenant's traditional unique way. As always this will be a glorious celebration with marvelous music, a beautifully decorated sanctuary, holy scripture, the sacrament of communion, and good, good news. Flowering of the cross will begin 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each worship service. Invite a neighbor! (There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday.)



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