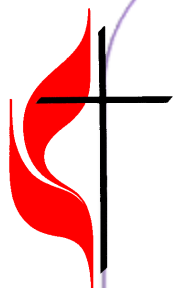


Cheverly United Methodist Church





Holy Thursday Worship

7 pm

2801 Cheverly Ave
Cheverly, MD 20785



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April 17th, 2025

Holy Thursday

THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED

**JESUS
TOOK
BREAD**



1 Corinthians 11:23

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On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meal eaten in his name, institutes the mystery of his abiding redemptive presence in the church's celebrations of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, or Eucharist. "Maundy" is a term derived from the old French *mandé* and Latin *mandatum novum*, "a new commandment" associated with John 13:34.

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.*

And also with you.

*Taste and see the goodness
of the Lord.*

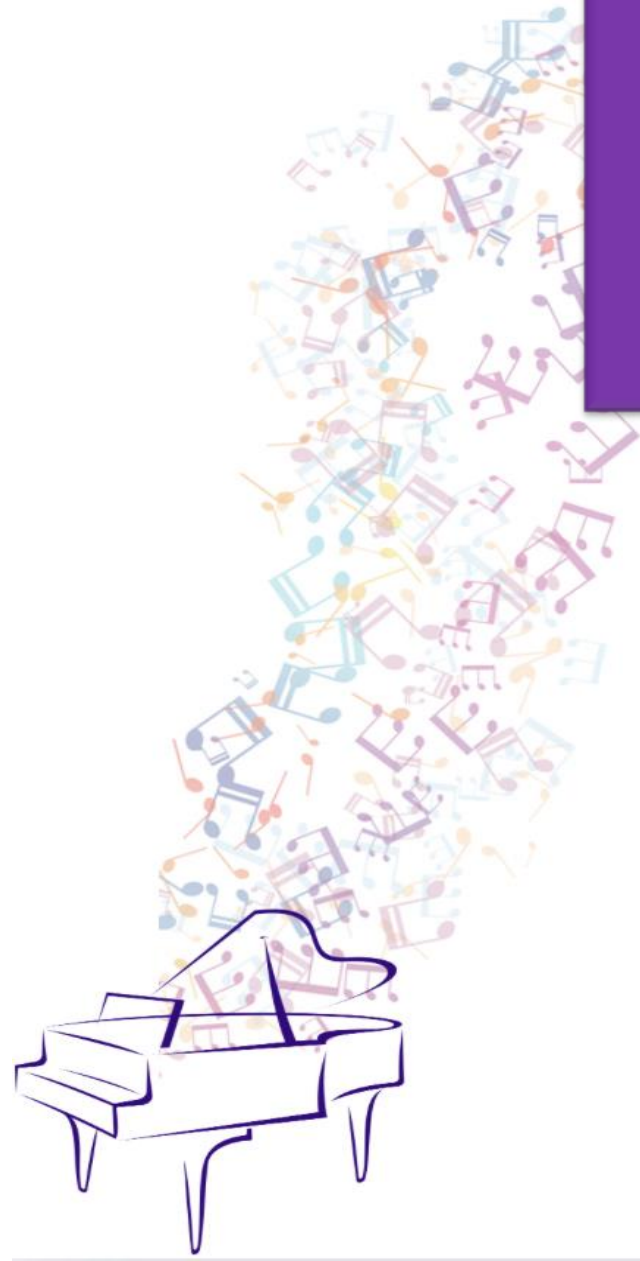
Christ has prepared a feast of love.

Choral Prelude The Sanctuary Choir

Brian Frye, piano

*“Take Of The
Wonder”*

by Robert Wetzler



Confession and Pardon

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

*A brief silence for
individual confession.*



*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



Scripture Reading

~ Liturgist

*John 13:1-17 &
1 Corinthians 11:23-26*



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Washing His Disciples' Feet

13 ¹⁻² Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end. It was suppertime. The Devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal.

³⁻⁶ Jesus knew that the Father had put him in complete charge of everything, that he came from God and was on his way back to God. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Master, you wash my feet?”



⁷ Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.”

⁸ Peter persisted, “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!”

Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.”

⁹ “Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!”



¹⁰⁻¹² Jesus said, “If you’ve had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you’re clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you’re clean. But not every one of you.” (He knew who was betraying him. That’s why he said, “Not every one of you.”) After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table.

12-17 Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do. I’m only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn’t give orders to the employer. If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.

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23-24 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵⁻²⁶ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.



**The Word of God for
the People of God!**

Praise be to God!

Hymn of Preparation

Brian Frye

Piano

*“Let Us Break
Bread Together”*

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Let us break bread together on our knees,

(on our knees)

let us break bread together on our knees.

(on our knees)

When I fall on my knees with my face to

The rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

*Let us drink wine together on our
knees, (on our knees)*

*let us drink wine together on our
knees. (on our knees)*

*When I fall on my knees with my
face to the rising sun,*

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees,

(on our knees)

let us praise God together on our knees.

(on our knees)

*When I fall on my knees with my face to
the rising sun,*

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

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(on our knees)

*When I fall on my knees with my face to
the rising sun,*

O Lord, have mercy if you please.

(if you please)

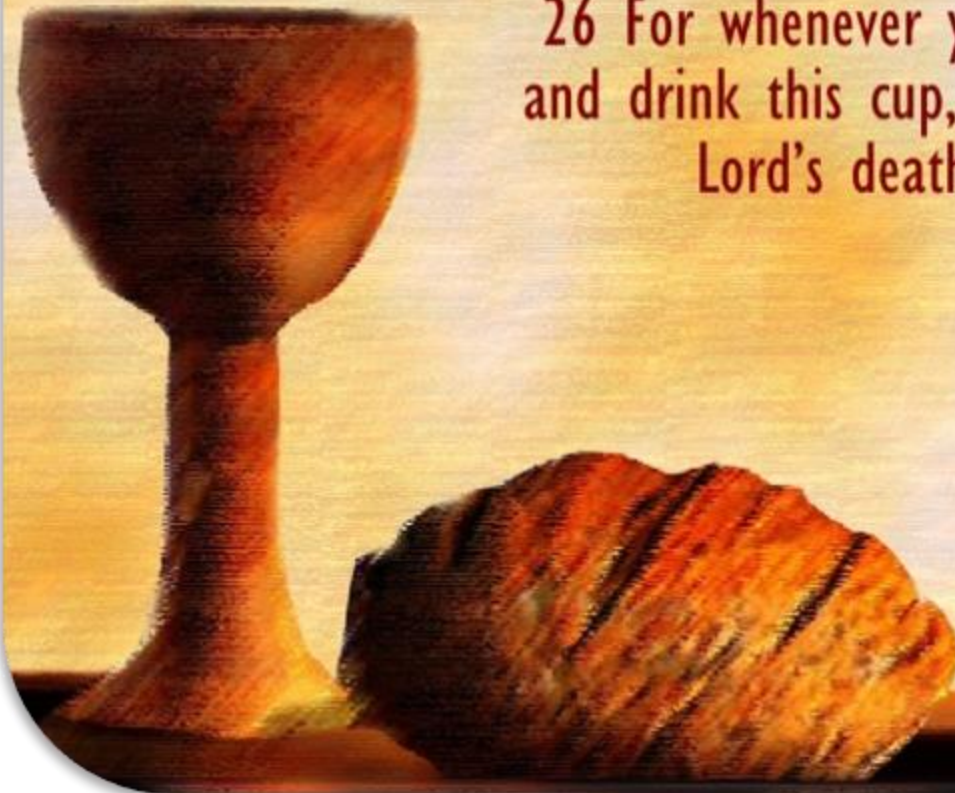


Sermon: *He Comes Again!*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

26 For whenever you eat this bread
and drink this cup, you proclaim the
Lord's death until he comes.

(1 Cor 11: 23-26, NIV)



Dr. Rev. Miguel Balderas

THE INVITATION TO SERVANTHOOD (FOOT WASHING)



*Jesus sits before us, water poured,
towel at hand, ready to wash our
feet. Like Peter, our first impulse is to
refuse. Our feet are dirty; we fear
being known so intimately. But Jesus
is not deterred by our humanity.*

This is how he teaches us to serve: by washing our feet. Come; be served, so that you too may serve. To enter naked now and experience the profound gift of your presence in our lives.

As we embrace the life of a
servant in your name, help us
comprehend the love that heals
us, the joy that completes us, and
the grace that sets us free.

Amen

Communion

The United Methodist Church practices open communion. All who believe in Jesus as the Christ are invited to participate.



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*Christ our Lord invites to his table
all who love him, who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live
in peace with one another.*

*Therefore, let us confess our sins
before God and one another.*

*Merciful God, we confess that we
have not loved you with our whole
heart. We have failed to be an
obedient church.*

*We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your
love, we have not loved our
neighbors, and we have not
heard the cry of the needy.*

Forgive us, we pray.

*Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Hear the good news:

*Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's love
toward us.*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you
are forgiven!*

In the name of Jesus Christ,

you are forgiven!

Glory to God.

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*It is right,
and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to
give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God),
creator of heaven and earth.*

*From the earth you bring forth
bread and create the fruit of the
vine. You formed us in your image,
delivered us from captivity, and
made covenant to be our sovereign
God.*

*You fed us manna in the wilderness, and
gave us grapes as evidence of the
promised land. And so, with your people
on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of

the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Holy are you,
and blessed is your Son,
Jesus Christ.*

*When we turned aside from your way
and abused your gifts, you gave us in
him your crowning gift.*

*Emptying himself that our joy might be
full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick,
ate with scorned and forgotten,
washed his disciples' feet, and gave a
holy meal as a pledge of his abiding
presence.*

*By the baptism of his suffering,
death, and resurrection you gave
birth to your Church, delivered us
from slavery to sin and death, and
made with us a new covenant by
water and the Spirit.*

*On the night in which he gave
himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the
bread, gave it to his disciples, and
said:*

*"Take, eat; this is my body which
is given for you.*

Do this in remembrance of me."

*When the supper was over, he
took the cup, gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said:*

*“Drink from this, all of you; this is
my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,*

*we offer ourselves in praise and
thanksgiving, as a holy and living
sacrifice, in union with Christ's
offering for us, as we proclaim
the mystery of faith.*

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
gathered here, and on these gifts of
bread and wine.*

*Make them be for us the body and
blood of Christ, that we may be for
the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his
heavenly banquet.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all
honor and glory is yours, almighty
Father (God), now and for ever.*

Amen

Offering Prayer



*Heavenly Father,
you are the true master of our lives.*

*By humbly washing the feet of his
disciples, Jesus gave us the ultimate
example of Christian servitude.*

*We are now called to be your
servants and*

*to love each other as we
have been loved by Jesus.
May these gifts serve as a vessel to
wash away fear and distrust and
bathe your children in love.*

Amen

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

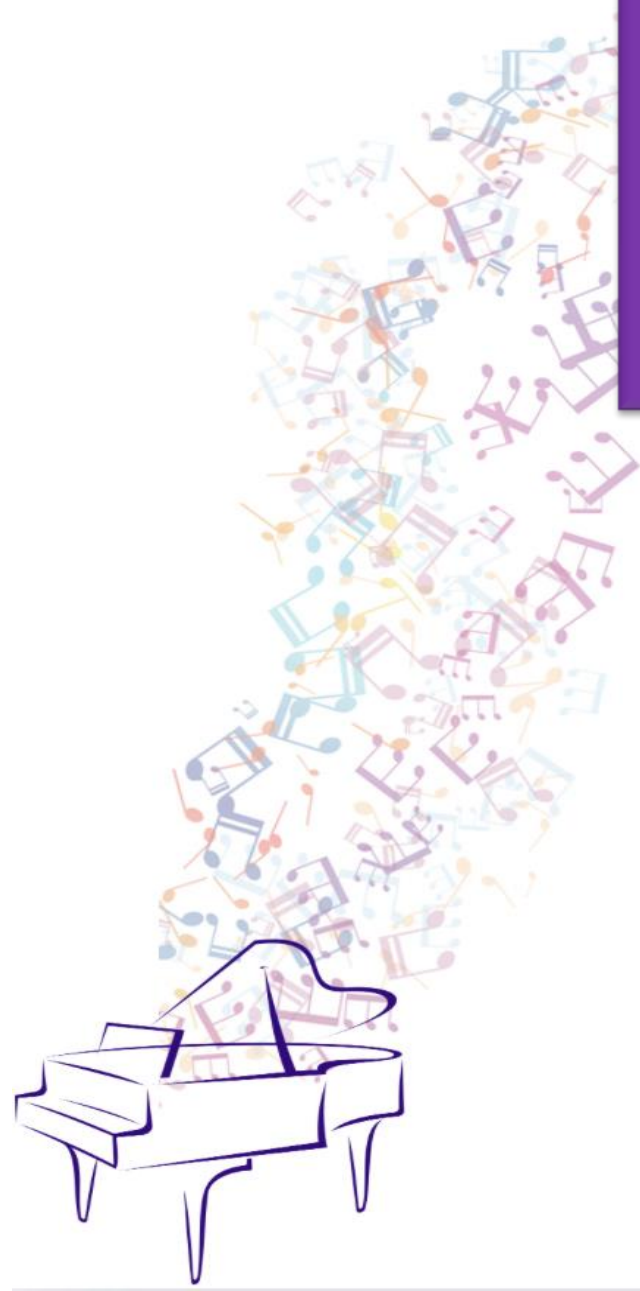
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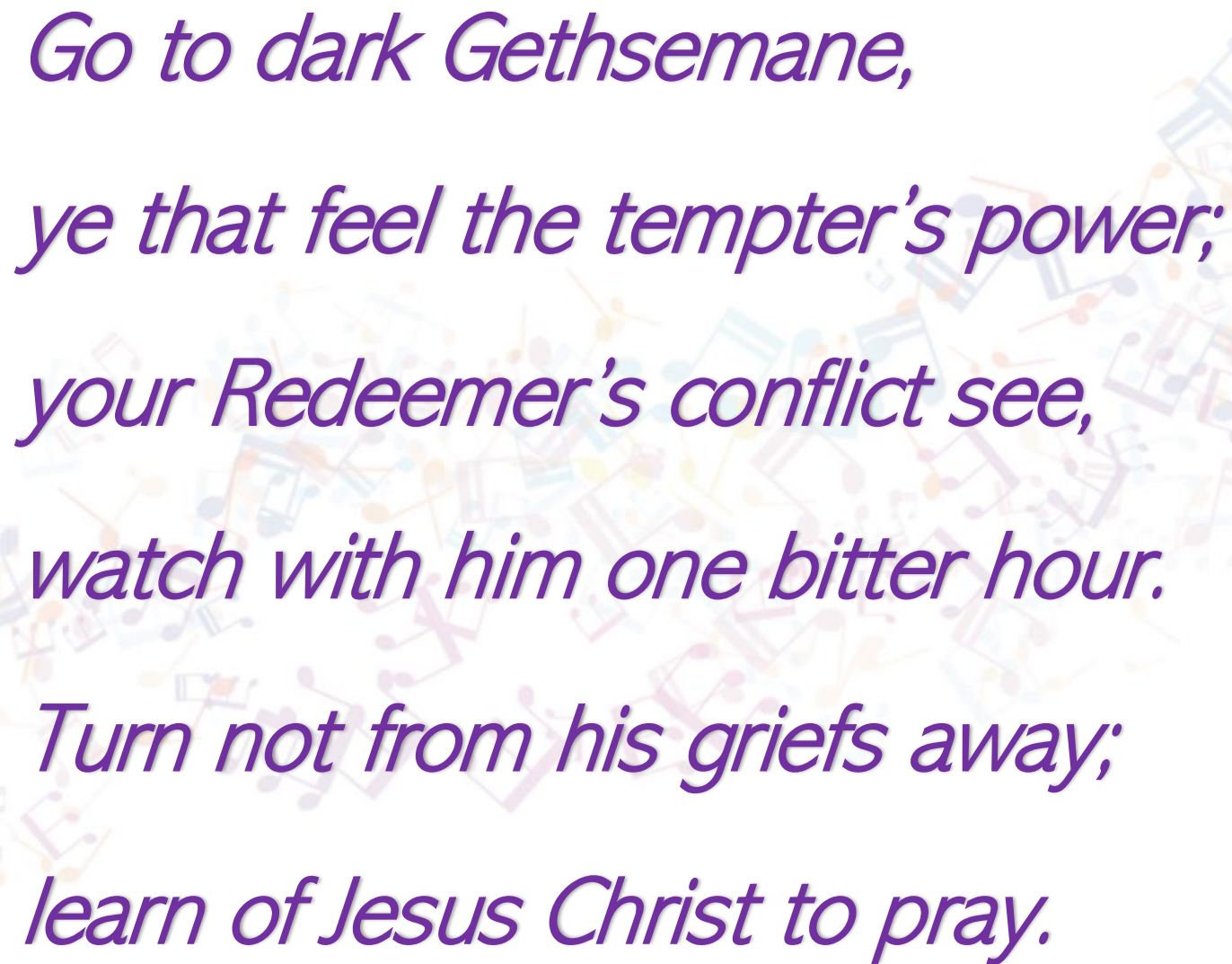
Brian Frye

Piano

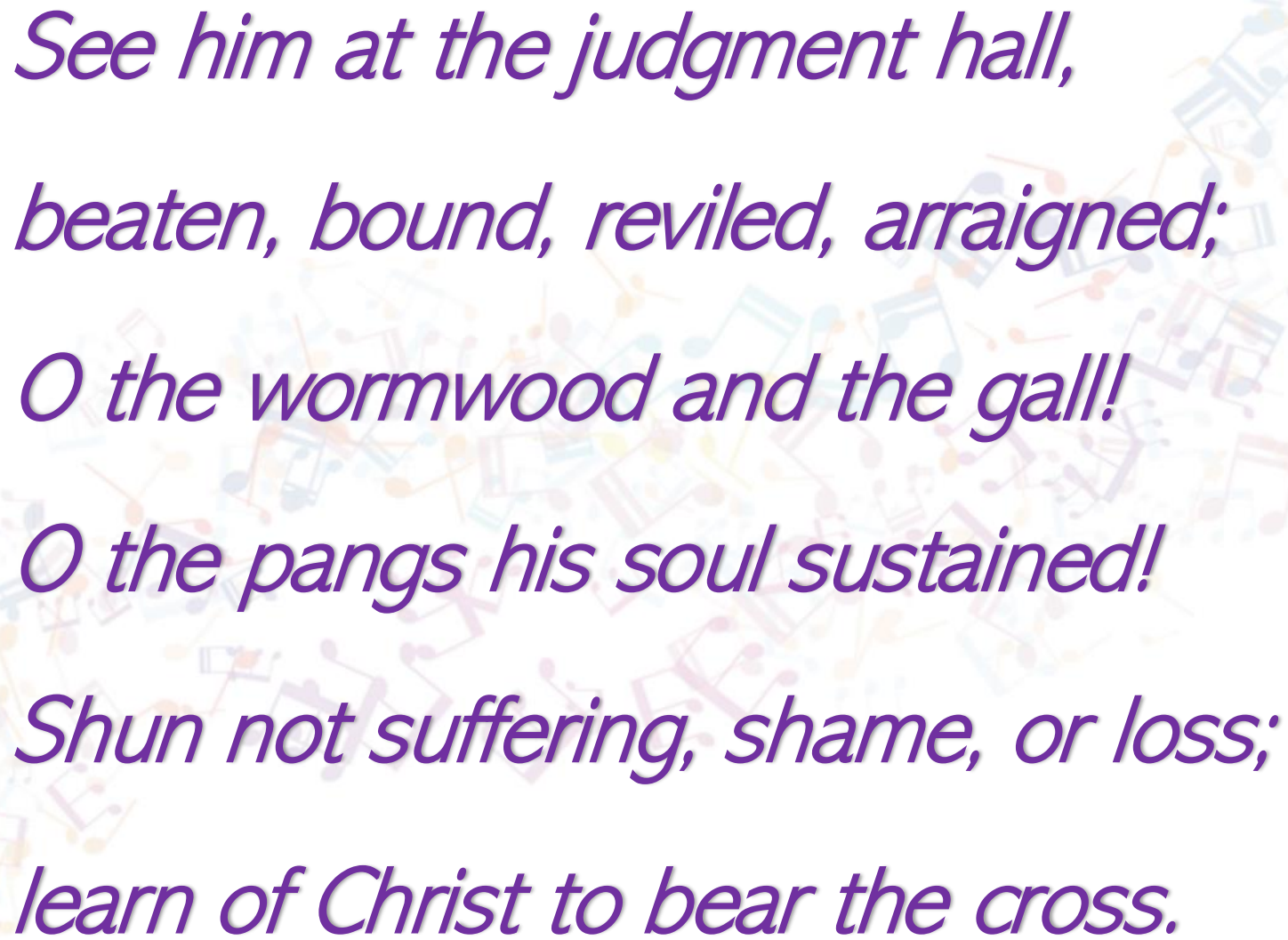
*“Go to Dark
Gethsemane”*

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*Go to dark Gethsemane,
ye that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see,
watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away;
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

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*See him at the judgment hall,
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of Christ to bear the cross.*

*Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

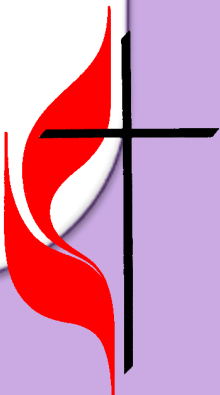


Stripping of the Altar

A practice dating from the seventh century, the stripping of the altar symbolically reminds us of the desolation and abandonment which our Lord endured in Gethsemane. The Christ candle remains and is not extinguished for our Lord's light can never be put out. As the church is visually transformed, we quietly reflect on Christ's loneliness in the garden and prepare ourselves for the Good Friday experience.

End of Worship

Thank you for your
participation in today's service!

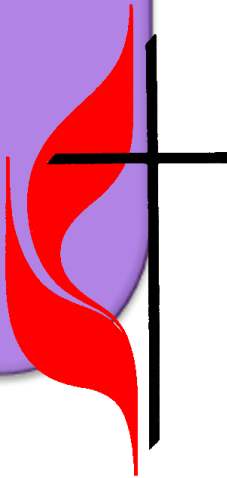


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