



April 6, 2023  
Worship Bulletin

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow*

Arr. Norman Johnson

## CENTERING PRAYER

God of love, during Holy Week, we give you thanks for this night Jesus shared with his disciples. Between the public parade and the public charade is this intimate hour. Though even now we do not fully understand, we long to follow his example: to serve as he served, to heal as he healed, and to love as he loved. Jesus promised if we know these things and do them, we will be blessed. Help us, then, to know and to do all that Jesus taught. Though we betray and deny, we still come seeking your blessing. We cannot live unless you bless us. Amen.

PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the growing darkness we gather.

**Our Lenten journey has brought us here.**

Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us: a towel, a bowl, bread, a cup.

**He gives us an example and a commandment ever-new:**

To love one another as he has loved us.

**This is how everyone will know we are his disciples, when we love each other.**

Come! Let us worship our God together!

† HYMN

**“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”**

**Hymnal #509**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are.**

**We confess our failure to love as Christ loved . . .**

**We confess our covetousness and greed . . .**

**We confess our weakness before temptation . . .**

**We confess our frailty before the challenges of this world . . .**

**Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. (Silent Confession)**

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† HYMN

**“Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

**Hymnal #221**

SCRIPTURE

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON

**“Once More, With Feeling”**

Dr. Rev. Dave Burgess

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Sharing of the Bread & Cup  
Prayer After Communion

† HYMN

“Were You There”

Hymnal #228

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

† CHIMING OF THE BELLS

*Please depart in silence*

† *You are invited to stand, as you are able.*



Chapter 15 Questions for Good Friday Service

- The cross is the central symbol of our faith. Why do you think that is?
- Has its meaning changed for you over time?
- Jesus was willing to die for his cause, but not kill for it.
- How does that inform you on your Christian journey?
- How does Jesus wrongful death inform our actions, words, politics, and policies today?
- “What Would Jesus Do?” is an overused and seemingly at times trite phrase. Jesus answer was the cross.
- Ask yourself if a more applicable question might be, “In light of what Jesus did, what am I being called to do?”

*Pastor:* Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess  
*Associate Pastor:* Rev. MP Panco  
*Dir. of Children's Ministry:* Latisha Gilliland  
*Dir. of Claymont Preschool:* Susan Talley



601 Claymont Drive,  
Ballwin, MO 63011  
(636)394-2233

*Dir. of Music:* Ethan Forte  
*Saturday Musician:* Mark Reynoso  
*Sunday Choir Accompanist & Organist:* Jee-Hye Lee  
*Special Music:* Chancel Choir