



# The Memorial Baptist Church

Greenville, NC

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

## Maundy Thursday

### *Service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae*

— SIX-THIRTY IN THE EVENING —

**WELCOME** The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

**AFTER THE PRELUDE**, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing.

**VISITORS**, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Fellowship Pad when it passes you during the service of worship.

**IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

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**APRIL 13, 2017**

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# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: 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.

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

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

People: **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.**

### † HYMN 319

*Near the Cross*

NEAR THE CROSS

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and soul.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Brad Smith

# SACREMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Mrs. Abbi Mullens

## INVITATION

Dr. Smith

† INSTITUTION

*Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward by the center aisle beginning with the front rows, receive bread, dip it in the chalice, partake, and return to your seat by the side aisles. All who humbly put their trust in Christ, whatever their church or denominational affiliation, are invited to participate.*

PRAYER

Dr. Smith

## SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

HYMN 308

*There Is a Redeemer*

GREEN

*The congregation may remain seated for the singing of the hymns, during which the table will be stripped of the paraments and communion elements that represent the presence of Christ with us.*

### I. JESUS IS BETRAYED

John 18:1b-14

HYMN 310

*Lead Me to Calvary*

DUNCANNON

### II. JESUS IS TAKEN BEFORE PILATE

John 18:28-40

CHORAL WORSHIP

*At Calvary*  
The Chancel Choir

arr. Mary McDonald

### III. THE CALL FOR CRUCIFIXION

John 19:1-12

CHORAL WORSHIP

*Come to the Cross*  
The Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

### IV. JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

John 19:13-27

HYMN 316

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

### V. IT IS FINISHED

John 19:28-30

CHORAL WORSHIP

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
The Chancel Choir

Fred C. Mallory

John 19:31-42

*A 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 as you depart in silence.*

## HOLY WEEK 2017 at The Memorial Baptist Church of Greenville, NC

### **GOOD FRIDAY** **14**

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross  
A Self-guided Worship Experience

### **FAMILY MINISTRIES** **15**

10:30 a.m. Children's Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt  
8:00 p.m. Youth Glow-In-The-Dark Egg Hunt

### **EASTER/RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/BAPTISM** **16**

10:55 a.m. Worship Service

## WORSHIP NOTES

Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday) is the day the church commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus broke bread with his disciples for the last time before his arrest and crucifixion. The word *Maundy*, a Middle English usage, derives from the Old French and Latin *mandamentum*, meaning *commandment*.

This evening's music reflects the somberness and sadness of the last hours of Christ's life. Appropriately, there is no musical response after the last reading. When all is dark, a bell mournfully tolls 33 times, representing the age of Christ at his death according to tradition.

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