

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.

As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.

Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

To partake of the bread of life we must come to Christ, we must believe in him. This total self-commitment to Christ, this appropriating him by faith, is the secret of eternal life and perpetual soul-refreshment. F.F. Bruce

Prelude

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

J.S. Bach

Dr. Kenneth Dean, Jr., Director of Music Ministries

Please quietly prepare your hearts for worship during the Prelude.

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3a

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live.

Invocation

Hymn No. 64

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,

From the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call;

To them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;

We drink of thee, the fountain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast;
Glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright;
Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

We embrace Christ through His Word

We Cry Out to The Lord (Responsive)

Psalms 28:1-5

¹ To you, O Lord, I call;
my rock, be not deaf to me,
lest, if you be silent to me,
I become like those who go down to the pit.

² Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,
when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands
toward your most holy sanctuary.

³ Do not drag me off with the wicked,
with the workers of evil,
who speak peace with their neighbors
while evil is in their hearts.

⁴ Give to them according to their work
and according to the evil of their deeds;
give to them according to the work of their hands;
render them their due reward.

⁵ Because they do not regard the works of the Lord
or the work of his hands,
he will tear them down and build them up no more.

Individual Prayer of Confession

Special Music

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

Soloist: RE Jeff Soule, bass

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand. King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At his feet the six-inged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

The Lord Answers Our Cry (Responsive)

Psalms 28:6-9

⁶ Blessed be the Lord!
For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield;

in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

⁸ The Lord is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

⁹ Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymn No. 598

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

We are nourished by God's Word

Scripture Reading

John 6:32-35

Pew Bible pg. 891

³² Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Sermon

"I AM the Bread of Life"

Pastor Ceselsky

Sermon Outline can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

Hymn No. 425

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Eucharistic Hymn

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

We respond to God's Grace

Hymn

Behold the Lamb

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

**So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King**

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you
Eat and remember
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one

So we share...

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you
Drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God

So we share ...

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body He loves us

**As we share in his suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And with joy in the feast of Heaven
Around the table of the King
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Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg. 740**)

Danish

Postlude

The Lord's Prayer

Mallotte

Please be seated and quietly reflect upon the Lord's grace during the Postlude.

Announcements

We welcome Pastors David Milligan and Bryant Park, as well as the congregation of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church as worship together this evening.

The Good Friday Service will be held tomorrow evening at 7 PM at Loch Raven Presbyterian Church (9318 Old Harford Road, Parkville, MD 21234)

Sermon Notes

Date: April 17, 2025

Text: John 6:32-35

Sermon Title: "I AM the Bread of Life"

Delivered By: Pastor John Ceselsky

Proposition: Jesus provides all that we require for this life and for our eternal salvation.

Main Point 1: Jesus' provision is not subject to us.

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Point 2: Jesus' provision is not subject to our desires.

Point 3: Jesus' provision is not subject to our understanding.

Main Point 2: Jesus' provision is subject only to God.

Point 1: Jesus' provision is that of the Great I AM.

Point 2: Jesus' provision is of himself.

Point 3: Jesus' provision must be personally appropriated.