

MAUNDY



THURSDAY



*Welcome to Maundy Thursday worship, when we hear again our
Lord's command to love as He does.*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
MAUNDY THURSDAY/TENEBRAE OBSERVANCE

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

✠ **Gathering and Confession** ✠

Processional Hymn

#215 (1,2,3)

What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, O my soul!

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

† **Call to Worship**

Kim Whitman

Leader: Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you
love one another."

**People: This He said to His disciples, after washing their feet
and having supper with them.**

Leader: Tonight we remember that night and those words.

**People: Above all, we remember His breaking of the bread
and His pouring of the wine, symbols of His imminent death.**

Leader: O God, let this service of remembrance sober us of
any illusions we may have about our own courage and
faithfulness.

People: Help us to realize our entire dependence on His courage, His faithfulness, His forgiveness.

Leader: With contrite hearts, let us hail the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world,

People: For through His sacrifice for us we are pardoned and healed. Amen.

† **Prayer of Confession and Pardon**

Rev. William Pollack

L: My brothers and sisters, Christ has shown us His love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of His spirit. Let us pray:

P: Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But He suffered and died for us, 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, we are a forgiven people.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

✠ **The Service of the Lord** ✠

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 12:1–14

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

† **Gospel Lesson**

Mark 9:30–32

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Thanks be to Christ!

A Homily

Rev. William Pollack

“Will Easter Come?”

Communion Anthem

Chancel Choir

Cross Of Jesus

Howard Helvey

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow, where the blood of Christ was shed, Perfect Man of thee did suffer, perfect God on thee has bled. Here the King of all the ages, throned in light ere worlds could be. Robed in mortal flesh is dying, crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!

Very God, Himself is bearing all the sufferings of time!

✠ The Lord's Supper ✠

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Matthew 26:20–29

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

(We will receive Holy Communion through intinction. Please come to the servers and receive the bread and dip in the cup. Following communion, please return to your seat in a spirit of reflection.)

Prayer After Communion

✠ The Service of Tenebrae ✠

Introduction to the Tenebrae

Matthew 26:30–46

Kim Whitman

Matthew 26:47–56

JT Norris

Hymn

#220 (1)

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with Him one bitter hour;
turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Matthew 26:57–75

Heather Whitman

Matthew 27:1–10

Ellen Sharp

Hymn

#228

Were You There?

Were you there when they all betrayed my Lord?
Were you there when they all betrayed my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they all betrayed my Lord?

Matthew 27:11–23

Kris Adkins

Matthew 27:24–31

Heather Shay

Hymn

#228 (1)

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Matthew 27:32–44

Greg Willis

Hymn

#228 (2)

Were You There?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Matthew 27:45–56

Mitch Hall

Hymn

#228 (4)

Were You There?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Matthew 27:57–60

Rev. William Pollack

Hymn

#228 (5)

Were You There?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Closing Anthem

Chancel Choir

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Gilbert Martin

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?

Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done He suffered on the tree?

Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in,

When Christ, the great Redeemer, died for man the creature's

sin. But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe:

Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do

Choir Recessional following the Christ Candle

(Stripping of the Sanctuary)

Closing Words

(Please depart in silence in reflection of Christ's death and burial.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

The day before Good Friday is called Maundy Thursday. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *Mandatum*, which means “commandment.” In the gospel of John, Jesus makes this statement during the Last Supper: “I am with you only a little longer. ... 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.” (John 13:33-35, NRSV)



Maundy Thursday should always be a time of sharing with others, showing loving concern for one another, and partaking of Holy Communion. That is what the Lord asked of his disciples and asks of us.

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness” or “shadows”) is an ancient Christian tradition that re-creates the emotions of Jesus’ Passion and death. The sanctuary gradually grows darker. As the service concludes, the Christ candle is extinguished as a reminder of Jesus’ death. We will leave with the hope of Easter in our hearts.



When Scottish missionary Peter Milne died in 1924, the thankful people he’d served in the South Pacific inscribed this message on his headstone: “When he came, there was no light; when he died, there was no darkness.”

Death’s darkness couldn’t conquer Jesus, the light of the world, so it does not conquer us. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5, ESV).

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