

MAUNDY THURSDAY
A SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE

April 14, 2022

7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE *Ave Verum* arr. Richard Wegner

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.

People: We come to receive from Christ the bread of life, the cup of blessing;

Leader: Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us;

People: We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment: “Love one another.”

Leader: Come and contemplate the many temptations of a world that would entice us, like Judas, to betray the trust of a suffering God.

People: We come to travel with Jesus the way of the Cross, so that our Easter “alleluia” will take on new meaning.

Leader: Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ,

People: that we might remember what discipleship may cost, and what it may reap.

*HYMN # 257

What Wondrous Love is This

*INVOCATION

We praise you, Lord, for your gift of Christian community, and we thank you as we humbly celebrate Christ’s initiation of Holy Communion. May we never fail to be grateful for the diverse people who make up the body of Christ. Sustain our faith in each other at times when we disagree. In the face of disappointments and betrayals keep us thankful for the new commandment Christ has given us. Help us to better love each other as Jesus has loved us, with a sacrificial and unconditional love. As we struggle with doubts and fears, help us to trust that you will always provide the nourishment we need. We ask that you especially strengthen the faith of the many Christians around the world who are persecuted for daring to celebrate communion and the love of your son Jesus Christ. Help us tonight to remember who and whose we are. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

LENTEN RESPONSE

The Cross

Leader: The cross,

Leader: The bread,

Leader: The pain,

Leader: The joy,

Leader: The Gospel,

Leader: The love,

Leader: The light,

Leader: The darkness,

People: We will take it.

People: We will break it.

People: We will bear it.

People: We will share it.

People: We will live it.

People: We will give it.

People: We will cherish it.

People: God shall perish it.

MEDITATION

Remember Who You Are

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table & Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LIGHT

*HYMN # 284

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

SHADOW OF THE BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-25

Reader: Marty Daniels

SHADOW OF THE DESERTION

Matthew 26:31-35

Reader: Marie Oakleaf

ANTHEM

Christ is the World’s Light

AGONY OF THE SOUL

Luke 22:39-44

Reader: Elaine Hilton

UNSHARED VIGIL

Mark 14:32-41

Reader: Jim DeMay

ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

“FATHER, THE HOUR IS COME”

John 17:1-6

Reader: Laurie Stoutz

“THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE”

John 17:15-22

Reader: Don Oakleaf

ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ARREST AT THE GATE John 18:1-5

Reader: Sue Hawkes

SHADOW OF THE CROSS Mark 15:16-20

Reader: Jim Hilton

ANTHEM *Were You There?*

DARKNESS AND SHROUDING THE CROSS

THE WORD WAS GOD John 1: 1-5

Reader: Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

LORD'S PRAYER

DEPART IN SILENCE – **There will be no benediction, signifying that worship is incomplete until Easter morning. As the lights return, please leave the sanctuary in silence**

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Tenebrae is the Latin term for Shadows. This is an ancient service of lessons recounting Jesus' Last Supper, betrayal, arrest, trials and death. Tonight's readings are accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of lights. Thank you to all our readers this Maundy Thursday.

THE MEANING OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

The name Maundy Thursday is of Latin origin. "Maundy" is derived from the Latin "mandatus," or "commandment." From it we also get our word "mandate." It refers to the time in the upper room when Jesus gave the disciples a "new commandment": "Love one another, as I have loved you." In the darkness, may we find the light of Christ, and may we each strive to love one another as Christ has loved us.

Call to Worship from Come and Remember, Prayers for Maundy Thursday by Rev. Kelly Burd. Invocation adapted from Kathleen Norris. God For Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter. Ed. Greg Pennoyer and Gregory Wolfe

Tonight's Live Streamer: John Maguire