

MAUNDY THURSDAY
A SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE

April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* arr. Michael Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The entry into Jerusalem -

People: a time of great celebration!

Leader: The entry into the upper room -

People: a time of great togetherness!

Leader: The entry into the judgment hall -

People: a time of great humiliation.

Leader: The entry onto Golgotha -

People: a time of great pain... and death.

Leader: Our Lenten journey has brought us to this place.

People: To profess our faith.

Leader: To hear Jesus' Story.

People: To remember his life and his death.

Leader: Called by God as sisters and brothers in Christ's love...

People: we gather and worship God.

*HYMN # 257 *What Wondrous Love is This*

*INVOCATION

Before we get to Easter, we need to linger in the vulnerability of the basin and the towel at the remembrance and promise of the table in the struggle and betrayal of the garden in the shadows and shouts of injustice at the bloody brutal beautiful cross in the silence of linen and spices and death. For without these, the empty tomb is empty. Amen.

LENTEN RESPONSE

The Cross

Leader: The cross,

People: We will take it.

Leader: The bread,

People: We will break it.

Leader: The pain,

People: We will bear it.

Leader: The joy,

People: We will share it.

Leader: The Gospel,

People: We will live it.

Leader: The love,

People: We will give it.

Leader: The light,

People: We will cherish it.

Leader: The darkness,

People: God shall perish it.

MEDITATION *Call of the Disciples* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

*HYMN # 699 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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: Kathy Ward

SHADOW OF THE DESERTION

Matthew 26:31-35

Reader: Daisy Case

ANTHEM

Christ is the World's Light

AGONY OF THE SOUL

Luke 22:39-44

Reader: Lorena Garmezy

UNSHARED VIGIL

Mark 14:32-42

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: Dave Pierce

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ARREST AT THE GATE

John 18:1-5

Reader: Marc Smith

SHADOW OF THE CROSS

Mark 15:16-20

Reader: Mickey Ely

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Daisy Case, Jim DeMay, Carla DeMeco, Mickey Ely, Lorena Garmezy, Jean Landes, Betty Lyon, Colleen and Dave Pierce, Marc Smith, Laurie Stoutz, Kathy Ward.

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Tonight's Live Streamer: John Maguire