

## Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae

(\*) If you are comfortably doing so, please rise when noted.

Respecting the solemnity of the occasion, please enter and leave in silence.

**Maundy** is the English form of the Latin word meaning commandment. Jesus' new commandment is to "love one another as I have loved you."

**Tenebrae** is the Latin term for shadows. It is a service of readings accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of lights.

### Prelude

#### \*Responsive Call to Worship

One: In the dark of evening, guided by candlelight.

**Many: we come to remember and give thanks.**

One: In the solemnity of this hour, guided by prayer,

**Many: we come to worship, to be fed by God's Spirit,  
to be filled with Christ's amazing love.**

#### \*Opening Hymn # 428

*"An Upper Room with Evening Lamps Ashine"*

An upper room with evening lamps ashine,  
the twelve disciples, and the table spread;  
now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine,  
and in remembrance bless and break the bread.

We see by faith upon the cross displayed  
his body broken and his blood outpoured;  
in that dread robe of majesty arrayed  
we gaze in worship on the dying Lord.

Dead for our sins, yet reigning now above,  
still to our hearts we find his presence given;  
take for ourselves the pledges of his love,  
foretaste and token of that feast in heaven.

#### \*Unison Invocation

***Holy God, we need your help to face the challenges of***

Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall!  
O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

#### Fifth Reading

"Father, the hour is come"

John 17: 1-6

#### Sixth Reading

"That they may all be one"

John 17: 15-22

#### Seventh Reading

Arrest in the Garden

John 18: 1-5

#### Hymn # 197

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty Rock  
within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus  
mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One  
who suffered there for me:  
and from my stricken heart with tears  
two wonders I confess,  
the wonders of redeeming love  
and my unworthiness.

**Eighth Reading**

Shadow of the Cross

Mark 15: 16-20

**Final Reading**

The Word was God

John 1: 1-4, 14, 10, 12; 3:19

(paraphrased)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Everyone is asked to leave the sanctuary in silence

There will be no benediction until Easter morning



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*Maundy Thursday  
Communion & Tenebrae  
March 26, 2023—10:30 am*

<p><i>Pastors</i>  <i>Rev. JD Rose</i>  <i>Rev. Lynn Oliver Marino</i>  <i>Rev. Dr. Thomas Webster</i></p> <p><i>Musicians</i>  <i>Katie Maurer</i>  <i>Susan Walter</i>  <i>Ron Christian</i></p>
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**Scripture Reading** I Corinthians 11: 23-26

**Meditation** "Remember"

**Anthem** "Remember" Combined Choir  
(Martin & Shackley) Katie Maurer, director

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Litany of Confession

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**Many: Have mercy upon us, O God, we humbly pray.**

One: For the times we turned our hearts from you,

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**ALL: In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen**

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Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine  
Prayer of Consecration  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

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#### **First Reading**

Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26: 20-25

#### **Second Reading**

Shadow of Denial Matthew 26: 31-35

**Hymn # 211**      *“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”*

Jesus walked this lonesome valley;  
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#### **Third Reading**

Agony of the Soul Luke 22: 39-44

#### **Fourth Reading**

Unshared Vigil Mark 14: 32-41

**Hymn # 196**      *“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
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