

Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae

April 14, 2022 – 8:00 p.m.

The Service of Holy Communion

On the night that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper he also gave his disciples a new commandment: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." The word "Maundy," comes from the Latin word for commandment, "mandatum."

PRELUDE	<i>Largo from Sonata No. 5</i>	<i>Antonio Vivaldi</i>
	<i>Largo from Sonata in G Minor</i>	<i>Henry Eccles</i>
	Bryan Wilson, cello, and June Marano-Murray, organ	

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and remember the love of Jesus gathered at table with his friends.
We come to receive from Christ the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each of us.
We come to receive the challenge of the new commandment:
"Love one another."

Come and contemplate the many temptations that would entice us.
We come to travel the way of the cross with Jesus.

Let us worship together and reflect upon the life of Christ,
that we might remember what discipleship may cost and what it may reap.

HYMN 779 **Great God, Your Love Has Called Us**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Together let us confess our sin and our need of a Savior.
God of Self-Giving Love, we thank you because you have heard our voice and the prayers of our hearts. Yet we confess that our gratitude is not always expressed in faithful action. Forgive us for the moments when we have betrayed you; for the times we've turned our backs on the poor, shunned those who scare us, included only those who look and act like us, or forgotten our call as hopeful and welcoming disciples. Forgive us for the moments when we've betrayed you.

Gracious Lord, as you head to the cross. Help us to take up our cross and love one another as you first loved us. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE 823 *Lord, have mercy upon us.*
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved people of God, believe the good news. In Christ Jesus we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

A CALL TO SERVANTHOOD (HAND WASHING): John 13:1-11

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. This is Christ's table.

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: Luke 22:14-20

Communion will be served in packets. The elders will direct you to the front down the center aisle. You may take a packet and return to your pew by one of the side aisles. When everyone has been served we will eat and drink together. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an elder and they will bring communion to you.

The Service of Tenebrae

Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "shadows." It is a fourth century Holy Week service for the commemoration of the passion and death of Christ. As the scriptural narrative unfolds, the extinguishing of the candles symbolizes the disciples' denials and the world's resentment, which led to the isolation and death of Jesus on the cross. The darkness increases and the Christ candle is removed. There are 33 tolls of the bell for each year of Jesus' earthly life. We remain in silence until we have exited the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-25

Casey Hoffman

Bryan Wilson

Sarabande from Bach Suite II

SECOND LESSON: SHADOW OF DESERTION

Matthew 26:30-35

Michael Malanga

Hymn 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

THIRD LESSON: SHADOW OF AN UNSHARED VIGIL

Luke 22:39-46

Tim Hoffman

Choir Anthem

Hymn of Devotion

Mary McDonald

FOURTH LESSON - SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Mark 14:43-64

Michelle Hickey

Hymn 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

FIFTH LESSON - SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Matthew 27:27-38 Margaret Fourte

Choir Anthem

Pieta

Tom Kendzia

SIXTH LESSON - SHADOW OF DEATH

Luke 23:44-49 Noah Gallagher

Hymn 213

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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SEVENTH LESSON - SHADOW OF THE TOMB

John 19:38-42 David Bole

Hymn 218 (*verses 1, 2 and 3*) *Were You There?*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

THE BELL TOLLS *The bell tolls 33 times to acknowledge Christ's 33 years on earth.*

DISMISSAL

May Jesus Christ, who was obedient to death, even death on a cross, guide, encourage, and protect you. Go in peace.

(We depart in silence.)