

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 2022

April 14, 2022 7 pm

Elder Debbie Ryon

Reverend Monica Gould

Piano/Organ Accompanist

Pastor

*Asterix is to stand in body or spirit. Bold print is congregational response.

Please enter humbly, worship deeply, and leave quietly this evening with your heart centered on the suffering of Christ for you.

Prelude/Welcome

Call to Worship

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

This is our new commandment in Christ:

As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.

Opening Prayer

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #101

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. When we have failed to serve as Jesus served-forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us-forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion with our lips and then deny him by our actions-forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 Paul recounts & interprets the Lord's Supper.

Reading The Mandatum Novum- the Mandate John 13:1–11, 31b–35 Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives a new commandment.

John 13:34-35 *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees* #513

Invitation

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Communion *Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?*

The Service of Shadows-The Tenebrae service of light to darkness

A dramatic Reading based on the Harmony of the Gospels covering the Last Week of Jesus

Opening

Sunday

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Readers- Narrator, Jesus

Extinguish 1st candle

Monday

Jesus Enters the Temple

Readers- Narrator, Jesus

Extinguish 2nd candle

Hymn *Ah Holy Jesus, How Have We Offended? V.1,2* #93

Tuesday

Jesus Teaches his Disciples

Readers-Narrator, Jesus, Disciples

Extinguish 3rd candle

Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane v. 1* #97

Wednesday

Judas Decides to Betray Jesus

Readers-Narrator, Pharisee, Judas, Chief Priest

Extinguish 4th candle

Thursday Jesus has his Last Meal with his Disciples

Readers-Narrator, Jesus, Disciples, Peter, Jesus, Judas

Extinguish 5th candle

Thursday Late Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane

Readers-Narrator, Jesus, Judas

Extinguish 6th candle

Friday Jesus is on Trial

Readers-Narrator, Chief Priest, Pilate, Crowd, Jesus

Narrator: It was the custom of the governor at this time of the Festival to release a prisoner of the choice of the crowd.

Pilate: I ask you people who would you want released, Jesus or Barabbas?

Crowd (Congregation): Barabbas

Pilate: What should I do with Jesus?

Crowd (Congregation): Crucify him!

Pilate: Why, what crime has he committed?

Crowd(Congregation): Crucify him! Crucify him!

Narrator: Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Special Music *Were You There?* Jo, Nancy, Rhudy, Rick

Friday Late Jesus is Crucified

Readers- Narrator, Jesus

Extinguish 7th Candle

Candle extinguished-lights out abruptly- Loud Slam

Return to Light

The true light that enlightens everyone came into the world through Christ

Though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

In him was life, and his life was the light of all.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

*Closing Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* v1,2,..4 #376

***All: Truly he was the Son of God**

Leave quietly...The sanctuary is stripped bare

Tonight's participants in the service-Ron May, Patty Davis, Laura Chuquin-Naylor, Kate Baird, Judd Everhart, Rick Turner, Rhudy Naylor, George Heinrichs, Debbie Ryon, Jo Penland, Nancy Jenster

*The Thursday before Easter is known as either **Maundy** Thursday, or **Holy** Thursday. **Maundy** is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you."*

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