



TENEBRAE

Tenebrae is the Latin term for “shadows.” The Maundy Thursday service celebrates the Upper Room (*at left*), where Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, or Holy Communion. It is followed by the service of Tenebrae with the extinguishing of candles as we move toward the darkness of the crucifixion.

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION,
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

Maundy Thursday
April 9, 2020

PRELUDE: O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
The Hills Bells; Martha Stowell, director

arr. Linda R. Lamb

WELCOME

God be with us all as we gather this evening
separately, yet together as one.

Let us remember
the grace found in the night Jesus was betrayed.

Let us remember
the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.
the new covenant of broken bread and cup.

Let us remember
the darkness found in the betrayal,
the arrest, the trial, and the denial.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
darkness is not dark to You, O God.
The night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to You are both alike.

Let us remember the words:
"Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness
but will have the light of life."

Let us remember Jesus, the one who said,
"I am the light of the world." Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God, you give us the sun to illumine the day,
and the moon and the stars to shine by night.
May your Spirit be with us now, as we remember the sacrifice made.
Kindle in us the flame of your love,
so that we might shine brightly in the radiance of your light.
Fill us with your hope,
so that we might live in a way that reflects
the splendor of your glory.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us O God, for we are a flawed and forgetful people.
What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us?
As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others.
As you have given your life for us, may we offer our lives to bring healing to the world.
As you have called us together around your Table,
may we go forth to feed a world that is hungry, not only for food,
but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation.
Help us recognize the healing found in your never ending love.
Through Jesus Christ, the light and hope of the world, we pray.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(based on John 12:47; 13:1)

Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world"*.
Let us then proclaim the good news that through Jesus Christ
we find hope, healing, forgiveness and love. Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 13:31b-35

HOMILY

Judy Swahnberg

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANTHEM: Ave verum corpus
Chancel Choir

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum,
immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et
sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who, having truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for humankind,
From whose pieced side flowed water and
blood:
Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

THE BLESSING OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus, after he had eaten with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.
I give you a new commandment: *Love one another as I have loved you.*

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you. By this
shall the world know that you are my disciples:
That you have love for one another."

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

HYMN: My Song is Love Unknown

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #192

Rhosymedre

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

The Shadow of the Betrayal: Matthew 26:20-25

The Shadow of the Desertion: Matthew 26:31-35

Choir: *O blessed Jesu, how hast Thou offended
That now on Thee such judgment has descended?
Of what misdeed has Thou to make confession?
Of what transgression?*

The Agony of the Soul: Luke 22:39-44

The Unshared Vigil: Mark 14:32-41

Choir: *The sorrows Thou art bearing, with none their burden sharing,
on me they ought to fall.
The torture Thou art feeling, Thy patient love revealing,
'tis I that should endure it all.*

The Shadow of the Arrest: Mark 14:43-50

The Shadow of the Trial: Mark 14:60-65

Choir: *O Lord, who dares to smite Thee, and falsely to indict Thee,
deride and mock Thee so?
Thou canst not need confession, who knowest not transgression,
as we and all our children know.*

The Shadow of Condemnation: Mark 15:6-15

The Shadow of the Cross: Mark 15:16-20

Choir: *Commit thy way, O Pilgrim, on time's dark stormy sea,
To Him who all things orders through all eternity.
Who measures out their courses to clouds and winds below
He too will find a pathway wherein thy feet may go.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Final Reading: John 1:1-5, 14

POSTLUDE: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
John Finney, organ

J. S. Bach

Preacher: Judy Swahnberg
Liturgists: Anne Marie Holloway, Matt Wooster

Chorales sung by the choir are from the St. Matthew Passion by J.S. Bach.

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