

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

O God, by coming to Your table, we receive more than we deserve; our lives are enriched in ways we could never have imagined. We give thanks to Jesus Christ from Whom we receive life and are bound in covenant. Renew us so that we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.

ANTHEM

Gethsemane

Robert Graham

TENEBRAE (The Darkness)

The shadow of the betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25
The shadow of the desertion	Matthew 26:31-35
The agony of the soul	Luke 22:39-44
The unshared vigil	Mark 14:32-41
Father the hour is come	John 17:1-6
That they may be one	John 17:15-22
Arrest at the gate	John 18:1-5
The shadow of the cross	Mark 15:16-20

Darkness

COMMISSION

POSTLUDE

Cross of Sorrow

Esther S. Higgins

at the conclusion of the service, we leave the Sanctuary in silent reflection

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A Caring Church for Thinking People



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THE VIGIL OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

The service of the Holy Communion in the evening of Maundy Thursday is one of the most ancient observances of the church.

The word “Maundy” is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, or “commandment,” and the reference is to the incident in the Upper Room when Jesus gave the new commandment, “*Love one another as I have loved you.*”

Tenebrae refers to the gradual extinguishing of the lights, which is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and of the approach of our Lord’s death.

GATHERING

YOUNGEST CHILD

“Why is this night different from all other nights?”

PALESTINIAN MEAL AND SEDER

SEDER ELEMENTS:

Matzah – unleavened bread...leaving in haste

Maror (bitter herb) - endive...bitter things

Haroset – sweet honey...sweetness

Beitzah - Hard-boiled egg...hardened hearts

Salt...tears

Ze’roa - Roasted lamb bone (Jesus is our Passover Lamb)...grace



SERVICE OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE

In the Shadow of the Cross

Brian Glyncannon

INVITATION TO PRAYER – Minister (Luke 11)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them. . .

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison) **“Our Father. . .”** (debts, debtors)

HYMN OF APPROACH

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Red Hymnal, No. 158

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter’s power; your Redeemer’s conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

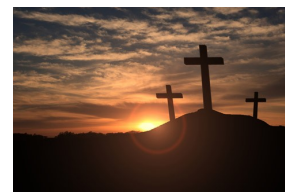
See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned; see him meekly bearing all! Love to man his soul sustained. Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time. God’s own sacrifice complete; “It is finished!” hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Were You There
Hand Bells & Piano

Janet Linker
Jane McFadden



THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Congregation:

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

INVITATION

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