

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6, 2023

6:30 PM



PRELUDE

*WERE YOU THERE?*  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

ARR. JOAN DEVEE DIXON  
AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

PSALM READING

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19

MEDITATION AND SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We have come seeking the body of Christ.

People: **We are the loving body of Christ in the world.**

Leader: We have come to speak of love poured out for all.

People: **We are the loving body of Christ in the world.**

Leader: We have come to be about the business of doing God's work.

People: **We are the loving body of Christ in the world.**

All: **This is the new commandment to love one another and to never forget.**

Let us pray –

Loving God, tonight we gather to remember Jesus and his final moments. We pause to remember his last meal with his closest friends and disciples. We pause to remember him being handed over to the authorities. We pause to remember the pain that would be his to bear. We come to bear witness to the story. Help us as we gather, to grow in our faith and be renewed once again by the mystery that leads to the resurrection. Send your Spirit to be with us as we remember. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. We have failed to serve without thought of what we will get in return. We have failed to give of ourselves completely. Forgive our selfish ways.

Loving God, we confess that so often we have failed to love. We love those who love us in return but we fail to share with those who need our love the most. Forgive our selfish ways.

Welcoming God, we confess that so often we keep our faith to ourselves. We hold tight to our beliefs and the great story of your love instead of boldly proclaiming your Good News to the world. We remain silent on the things that break your heart and fail to share your liberating truth. Forgive our selfish ways and help us to bring about your kingdom here and now. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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LORD HAVE MERCY

"LAND OF REST"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

MATTHEW 26:17-30

SERMON

"A MEAL OF MEMORIES"

HYMN OF PREPARATION #498

LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN

"BEACH SPRING"

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYERS AND 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE MEAL

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Mystery, through communion we unite our bodies with your body, and in unity we gain strength and hope. We give thanks for your transforming love. Like the sacraments, we know that love is a doing, and so we ask for your help to turn this nourishment into love for all we meet. Amen.

## ANTHEM

AVE VERUM CORPUS  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

W.A. MOZART (1756-1791)

Jesu, Word of God incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born;  
On the cross Thy sacred body For us with nails was torn.  
Cleanse us from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy Body broken  
Now and at death.

## THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Passover meal was over, and Matthew records:

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

Then Jesus said to them: “There is not one of you whose courage will stand the test of what is going to happen to me tonight, for Scripture says: ‘I will smite the shepherd; and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’”

(\*1 And the Light Darkened)

## HYMN #215

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS? (Verse 1)

”WONDROUS LOVE”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

Peter answered: “Even if everyone else’s courage fails because of what is going to happen to You, mine never will.”

Jesus said to him: “This very night, before the cock crows, you will disown me three times.”

(\*2 And the Light Darkened)

“Even if I have to die with You,” Peter said, “I will never disown You.” And all the disciples said the same.

(\*3 And the Light Darkened)

## HYMN #220

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE (Verse 1)

”REDHEAD”

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s power;  
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn for Jesus Christ to pray.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. "Sit here while I go over there and pray," He said to His disciples. "My soul is grief-stricken with a grief like death. Wait here and share my vigil." He went on a little further and flung Himself face down on the ground in prayer. "My Father," He said, "if it is possible, don't let this bitter ordeal come to me. But not what I will, but what You will."

He came back to His disciples and found them sleeping. "So, you could not keep vigil with me one hour?"

(\*4 *And the Light Darkened*)

**RESPONSE #204**

*STAY WITH ME*

"TAIZE"

**Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

He went away a second time, and prayed again. "My Father, if there is no escape from this situation, unless I go through with it to the bitter end, Your will be done."

He came back again, and again He found them sleeping.

And He went and prayed yet a third time and came back and said, "Are you still sleeping? The hour has come for the Son of Man to be delivered into the hands of the sinful. Up! On your way! The traitor is coming!"

(\*5 *And the Light Darkened*)

Then Judas, one of the twelve, arrived accompanied by a mob armed with swords and clubs. He had told them, "The one I kiss is the man you want— seize Him!" And he went straight to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi," and kissed Him.

(\*6 *And the Light Darkened*)

They came up to Jesus and seized Him and held Him. It was then that all the disciples abandoned Him and ran away!

(\*7, \*8, \*9 *And the Light Darkened*)

**HYMN #218**

*AH, HOLY JESUS (2 Verses)*

"HERZLIEBSTER JESU"

**Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?**

**That mortal judgment has on You descended?**

**It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.**

**By foe derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!**

**'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.**

They took Jesus to the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the experts in law and the elders had assembled. Peter followed at a distance, right into the courtyard of the house. He went in and sat down with the servants to see the end. One of the maidservants came up to him. "You, too, were with Jesus, the Galilean," she said. He denied it in front of them all. "I have no idea what you're talking about," he said.

(\*10 *And the Light Darkened*)

He went out to the gateway. Another maidservant saw him. She said to the people there: "This man was with Jesus, the Nazarene." Again he denied it. "I swear I do not know the man," he said.

(\*11 *And the Light Darkened*)

Shortly afterward. One of the bystanders came up to Peter and said to him, "You certainly are one of them, your Galilean accent makes it obvious." Peter swore he was telling the truth. "I do not know the man." Just then the cock crowed, and Peter remembered how Jesus said, "Before the cock crows, you will disown me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

(\*12 And the Light Darkened)

**HYMN #223**

*WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS*

"HAMBURG"

1When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

2Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Death of Jesus

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ...

Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ...when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this Man was God's Son!"

*"Christ Candle Extinguished - And There Was Darkness"*

The Tolling of the Bells, Prayer and Silent Meditation

(The bells are tolled 33 times, once for each year of the life of Jesus.)

**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

*WERE YOU THERE? (Verse 1)*  
JUDITH BROWN, MEZZO-SOPRANO

"WERE YOU THERE"

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*(Christ Candle Re-lighted)*

**RECESSION OF THE CONGREGATION IN SILENCE**

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\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

## This Evening's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Alison Peters  
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown  
Audio/Video Technicians..... Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler

Liturgist.....Josh Gilhart  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
Ushers.....Mike & Cathy Levitas