

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION  
SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**



**MAPLE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
April 14, 2022 · 7:00 PM  
*in the sanctuary and via Zoom*

The observance of Holy Communion on the evening of Maundy Thursday is one of the most ancient of church rituals. The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin *mandatum* or *commandment* and has reference to the last supper in the upper room when Jesus gave the new commandment:

*Love one another, as I have loved you.*

The Service of Tenebrae is an adaptation of an early fourth century office traditionally sung in Holy Week. The gradual extinguishing of the candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, the approach of the dark hatred of Jesus' enemies, and the resentment of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the cross. The moment of darkness recalls the hours of death's despair and hopelessness. The lighting of the Christ candle points ahead to the Easter soon to dawn.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

### PRELUDE

*It Was a Sad and Solemn Night*

Isaac Watts

### GREETING

One: On this night, as darkness falls, we gather to remember the events of the evening when Jesus shared his last supper with his disciples. What then, shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?

**All: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

### \*HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Black No. 224

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who loved us to the utmost; Jesus - Savior and Lord - who at his last meal with his disciples gave them – and us a new commandment - "... love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34,35 NRSV) Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ... when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

**All: forgive us.**

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

**All: forgive us.**

We have chosen to act out of fear rather than out of hope and compassion.

**All: forgive us.**

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then have denied him by our actions;

**All: 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 FORGIVENESS

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" (John 12:47b) and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (John 13:1b) The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

*And No Bird Sang*  
Chancel Choir

Douglas Wagner

**SCRIPTURE READING**— Mark 14:12-16

pew Bible pg. 883

**ANTHEM**

*In Remembrance*  
Chancel Choir

Buryl Red

**COMMUNION**

One: When the time arrived for Jesus to be lifted up; When all had been prepared, and He shared His last meal with His friends, The Lord, took the loaf, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples.

**All: When you eat the bread, remember Me. This is My body broken for you.**

One: When the meal was finished, The Lord took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples.

**All: When you drink the wine, remember Me. This is My blood shed for you.**

One: Now, as we gather, we eat bread; we drink of the vine; and we remember the One Who lived and died to bring us life.

**All: And we will keep sharing this meal until He returns. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

Communion is shared.

**THANKSGIVING** (in unison)

**All: We thank You, Lord for giving us this sacred meal, for giving us Your Presence and Your life, and for reminding us of Your everlasting grace, which will be celebrated for all eternity. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Journey to Gethesemane*

Black No. 219

## SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

*What Wondrous Love Is This?*  
Appalachian Folk Hymn

Shadow of Betrayal – Matthew 26:20-25, pew Bible p. 862  
Shadow of Desertion – Matthew 26:31-35, pew Bible p. 862

Agony of the Soul – Luke 22:39-44, pew Bible p. 917  
Unshared Vigil – Mark 14:32-41, pew Bible p. 883

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*  
American Spiritual

Arrest – John 18:1-5, pew Bible p. 942  
False Witness – Mark 14:55-65, pew Bible p. 884

*Were You There?*  
African-American Spiritual

Denial – Mark 14:66-72, pew Bible pg. 884  
Shadow of the Cross – Mark 15:16-20, pew Bible pg.885

### **THE SILENCE OF DARKNESS**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

### **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 today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

*(We depart from this service of worship in silence.)*