

# *Maundy Thursday and Service of Tenebrae*

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

## Assemble in God's Name

WELCOME

The Rev. Michael R. Seely



PRELUDE

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

R. Arnatt/J. Ireland

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:34

On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

*On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.*

On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done to us.

*On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread  
and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice  
and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day  
may reign with him in the Kingdom of Heaven.*



\*HYMN (No. 94, Blue)

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

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CALL TO CONFESSION



CONFESSION OF SIN

*Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,  
we confess that we fail to fulfill you will.*

*Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you.*

*In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely, but we refuse your love  
and withhold ourselves from others.*

*We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.*

*In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.*

*Lead us once again to your table and unite us with Christ,*

*who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. AMEN.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end.

Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally.

*In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ,  
we will love one another.*

## Proclaim God's Word



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

*The Foretelling*

Isaiah 53:3-9

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*The Shadow of Coming Tragedy*

Matthew 16:21-28

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

*The Shadow of Betrayal*

Matthew 26:17-30



“When Jesus Wept”  
Chancel Choir

W. Billings

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

**The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**



INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER

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.*

THE SANCTUS

*Spoken*

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*God of grace, Your Son, Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share His body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of His great love show in our lives the fruits of His redemption; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.*

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING

*The Agony of the Soul.*

Luke 22:39-44

FIFTH SCRIPTURE READING

*The Arrest at the Gate*

John 18:1-11

SIXTH SCRIPTURE READING

*The Shadow of a Mock Trial*

Luke 23:13-25

SEVENTH SCRIPTURE READING

*The Shadow of the Cross*

Mark 15:16-20

EIGHTH SCRIPTURE READING

*The Last Words of Jesus*

Matthew 27:32-54



\*HYMN (No. 102, Blue)

Were You There?"

WERE YOU THERE

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*AFTER THE PASTOR HAS LEFT THE SANCTUARY, DEPART IN SILENCE*

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Thank you to David Nuss, our organist, and to Peter Sour and the Chancel Choir.

Thank you to the scripture readers: Jim Lawson, Nancy Lauderman and Susan Westover

## **An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare**

**1** An upper room did our Lord prepare  
For those He loved until the end:  
And His disciples still gather there  
To celebrate their risen Friend.

**3** And after supper He washed their feet,  
For service, too, is sacrament.  
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:  
Sent out to serve, as He was sent.

**2** A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
To share His bread, His loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
He by His cross shall lift us up.

**4** No end there is! We depart in peace,  
He loves beyond the uttermost:  
In every room in our Father's house  
Christ will be there as Lord and Host.

## **Were You There?**

**1** Were you there when they crucified my  
Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my  
Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my  
Lord?

**3** Were you there when they laid him in  
the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the  
tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the  
tomb?

**2** Were you there when they nailed him to  
the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to  
the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to  
the tree?

**4** Were you there when God raised him  
from the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him  
from the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when God raised him  
from the tomb?