

WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2019

Order of Worship

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

ABOUT TONIGHT'S SERVICE:

Maundy comes from the middle English maunde, from Old French mandé, from Latin mandatum "command, order;" from the words spoken by Jesus to his disciples after washing their feet at the Last Supper, "a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another" (John 13:34 Authorized Version) and also from the commandment of Christ that we should imitate his loving humility (John 13:14-17).

The term "Last Supper" suggests that it was only one of many meals shared by Jesus and his disciples, and not the meal. The Eucharist is rooted not only in the Last Supper but also in Jesus' eating with sinners, and in his feeding the crowd with the loaves and fishes. It also foreshadows the meals after his resurrection. All together they constitute the multiple meanings of the Lord's Supper. To reduce the Lord's Supper to the Last Supper is to cut off the Sacrament from its eschatological significance (that is, as it relates to the unfolding of God's purpose and in the ultimate destiny of humankind and the world).

The Solemn Reproaches [of the Cross] are an ancient text of Western Christendom associated with Good Friday. The Solemn Reproaches take the place of confession in this service.

Stripping of the Church. The service concludes with the stripping of the sanctuary. The practice dates from the seventh century. In silence and in shadows all decorative and liturgical objects are removed or covered, thus dramatizing the desolation, abandonment and darkness of the passion and death of Jesus. The sanctuary remains bare until the beginnings of the Easter celebration. The church remains in semi-darkness, and all exit in silence. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.

Prelude Passion Chorale arr. Gerald Near

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Lenten journey continues tonight, a journey we started some 40 days ago by willingly entering a time of self-examination and penitence, prayer and fasting, works of love and the reading and meditating on the Word of God.

Tonight we continue the journey travelling together towards Good Friday and the promise of Easter.

Tonight we gather as friends of Jesus Christ. Here we will break bread together and remember that 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. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Tonight we also contemplate the good news of the cross: how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to embrace a world of suffering and sin; how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCU-SA

COMMUNION HYMN 521

In Remembrance of Me

RFD

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION **+COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

HYMN OF PREPARATION 207

Shadows Lengthen into Night

TENEBRAE

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Invitation

Jesus is the light of God. He entered the world to illuminate the way back to God. Tonight we are reminded that we are a people who walked in darkness. Tonight we enter the shadows once again as we remember Jesus's journey to the cross.

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL **SCRIPTURE**

Mark 14:10-13, 16-21

NT 51

Hymn 218

Hymn 220

Hymn 221

Ah, Holy Jesus (vs. 1-3)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF SPIRIT AND ARREST SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:39-48, 54

NT 87

Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD 76 (vs. 1-3)

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:54-62

NT 87

MUSICAL MEDITATION

What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. Phillip Keveren

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:1-15 O Sacred Head Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

NT 53

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION AND HUMILIATION

Matthew 27:27-31 SCRIPTURE NT 32

Ave Verum Corpus W.A. Mozart ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus,

Hail, true body, Natum de Maria virgine; Born of the virgin Mary;

Vere passum immolatum Having truly sacrificed, suffered In crucis pro homine. On the Cross for humanity.

Cuius latus perforatum Whose side was pierced, Unda fluxit et sanguine. Pouring out water and blood.

Be a foretaste for us Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine. *In the trial of death.*

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

SCRIPTURE John 19:17-30 NT 113

Take My Mother Home Hall Johnson ANTHEM

François Lacroix and Kara Mulder

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

John 19:38-42 SCRIPTURE NT 114

Crucifixus Antonio Lotti ANTHEM

Cruxifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est. He was crucified for us by Pontus Pilate, died, and was buried.

SILENCE IS KEPT

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS AND THE STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

THE LIGHT IS REMOVED FROM THE SANCTUARY

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

^{*}Those who are able, please stand.

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