

Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae
and
Communion



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1157 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard
Charleston, South Carolina 29407

April 1, 2021
7:00 p.m.

All enter in silence.

GREETING

One: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
All: Who redeems us from sin and death.
One: For us and for our salvation, Christ became
obedient unto death, even death on the cross.
All: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

A BIDDING PRAYER

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.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

**When 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.**

**Forbid 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.**

**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?**

**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 SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

One: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you that you should testify against me?
I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

One: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you with manna;
I brought you through tribulation and pestilence,
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

When You Arrive

1. Everyone is required to wear a mask upon entering the church. If you don't have a mask, the ushers will have plenty available for you and your children (older than 2). Wearing a mask, along with social distancing, is the best way for us to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among our church family, especially given the fact that up to half of all people who have the virus don't feel or display any symptoms.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used upon entering.
3. In the sanctuary, every other pew will be roped off and closed to provide as much social distancing as possible. In order to minimize touch contamination, please pick up your own bulletin from the narthex table.
4. Ushers will guide you and your family to a properly distanced seat, starting with the front of the sanctuary. Please graciously allow them to do so in order to maintain social distancing while safely maximizing occupancy.
5. All restrooms will be open for use, one at a time please.

During the Service

1. Please keep your mask on through the entire worship service.
2. If you have young children, this may be their first time back in the sanctuary in a long time. You may be worried about how they will behave, if they will make too much noise, or if they will be too wiggly. Please don't worry at all! We welcome the signs of life- especially after going so long without it! Please note: we won't have the worship bags (with crayons and coloring pages) available for children, but you are welcome to bring things from home.

After the Service Ends

1. The ushers will dismiss the congregation by row from the side aisles, beginning at the rear of the sanctuary, in order to keep us distanced as we exit.
2. Please place your used bulletins in the recycling baskets at each exit or take them home with you. Please do not leave them on the pews.

Communion

1. Communion Kits will be available in the narthex. Please take one as you pick up your bulletin. Gluten-free kits will also be available.
2. The Communion Kit contains: a zip-lock bag, a sealed sanitizing wipe, and a small plastic chalice with bread on one end and juice on the other.
3. When communion begins, you may remove and open the wipe to clean your hands, and/or absorb any spills. When prompted by the Pastor to take the bread, remove the seal and take it from the bottom of the chalice. When prompted to drink the juice, remove the seal and drink.
4. Place the empty chalice and wipe back into the bag to take with you when you exit the sanctuary. Dispose of the bag in the trashcans at the exits.

Tonight's worship is adapted from Hal H. Hopson's Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness © 1998

MUSICIANS

Amanda Castellone, *soprano*
Angela Loizides, *violin*
Jenny Weiss, *violin*
Ben Weiss, *viola*
Charmaine LeClair, *cello*

READERS

Priscilla Holtzclaw, Paul Patrick, Robin Zemp, Grahame Long, and Lissa Long.

ABOUT MAUNDY THURSDAY

Tonight we gather for worship, remembering the last night Jesus spent with his disciples before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. It is called *Maundy* because of the command (Latin: *mandatum*) Jesus gave for his disciples to love one another. (John 13:34)

ABOUT TENEBRAE

The service of Tenebrae has a rich tradition in the church, dating back to the eighth century. Tenebrae is a word derived from Latin meaning "darkness." Through word and music, this service dramatizes the suffering, death, and burial of Jesus Christ. As the service moves from light into darkness, the diminishing light symbolizes the fading devotion of the apostles as well as the gradual dying of our Lord.

ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER

On that night, Jesus also instituted the Lord's Supper, transforming the Jewish Passover supper to a meal, where in the bread and the cup we remember the salvation we have through the sacrifice of his broken body and spilled blood. All who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the bread and the cup.

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One: What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard;
I made you the branches of my vine,
but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

One: I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.
I gave you the water of salvation from the rock,
but you have given me gall and left me to thirst,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

One: I gave you a royal scepter,
and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.
I raised you on high with great power,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

One: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a sign of my love,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom.
I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

One: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you,
and you close your hearts to the Counselor.
I pray that all may be one in the Father and me,
but you continue to quarrel and divide.
I call you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

One: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
All: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us. Amen.**

FIRST READING Luke 22:1-2
(The religious leaders conspire against Jesus.)

SECOND READING Luke 22:3-6
(Judas plots with the authorities to deliver Jesus.)

THIRD READING Luke 22:7-13
(Jesus tells his disciples where to celebrate the Paschal meal.)

FOURTH READING Luke 22:14-16
(Jesus announces that one of his disciples will betray him.)

HYMN What Wondrous Love Is This 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 dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

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 life
to lay aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside His crown for my soul!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

FIFTH READING Luke 22:17-23
(Jesus recites the Words of Institution.)

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

ANTHEM In Remembrance Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember, too,
that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SIXTH READING Mark 14:27-31
(Jesus tells his disciples that they will all desert him.)

SEVENTH READING Mark 14:32-42
(In Gethsemane the disciples fall asleep.)

HYMN Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD 76

**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 from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.**

EIGHTH READING Mark 14:43-52
(Jesus is betrayed by Judas and then is seized by the Roman soldiers.)

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL Ah, Holy Jesus ARR. HOPSON

*All leave in silence.
The service continues on Good Friday.*

6:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 3:00 pm, Zoom Gatherings.

We are offering four different times to gather for brief (15-minute) times of prayer and reflection, marking the events Jesus endured at those times on that fateful Friday. Exclusively online; join for any or all of the gatherings.

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