

MAUNDY THURSDAY

A SERVICE OF THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 9, 2020

7:30 pm

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

~ John 3:19

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION OF TENEBRAE

CALL TO WORSHIP* – Isaiah 53

Who has believed what we have heard? . . . he was despised, and we held him of no account.

**Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.**

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.*

**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered;
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

Loving God, Crucified Christ, Living Spirit, to what lengths you go to show your caring for sinners! Forgive our apathy as you take upon yourself the sins of all of humanity. Forgive our sins both deliberate and unknowing, for without you we have no hope. Hear us now as in silence we bring to our minds the sins we can bear to confront Save us from ourselves, O God. In the name of the One who bears our sins and carries our sorrows, even Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(silence)

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-30

The First Light is Extinguished

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(You are invited to gather some bread and wine/juice or other beverage and participate at home.)

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving / Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of Bread and Cup (at home)

THE SHADOW OF GETHSEMANE

Mark 14:32-42

The Second Light is Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Matthew 26:47-56

The Third Light is Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Luke 22:54-62

The Fourth Light is Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Mark 15:1-15

The Fifth Light is Extinguished

SPECIAL MUSIC – *"All Shall Be Well"*

THE SHADOW OF REJECTION

Matthew 27:32-44

The Sixth Light is Extinguished

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Luke 23:44-49

The Seventh Light is Extinguished

HYMN

"Were You There?"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

THE SHADOW OF THE GRAVE

Mark 15:33-39

The Christ Candle is Removed

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

WORDS OF DISMISSAL