

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1, 2021

7:30 pm

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*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 – Ann Marie Conner

WELCOME

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 “Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine” (207, v. 1-4)

**1 Sharing Paschal bread and wine as the daylight ebbs away,  
friends at table join to dine. One of them will soon betray.  
Shadows lengthen into night.**

**2 In a grove of olive trees underneath a darkening sky,  
Jesus warns as he foresees: Peter also will deny.  
Shadows lengthen into night.**

**3 In the garden, still and deep, those he asked to watch and pray,  
heavy-lidded, fall asleep, weary from the anxious day.  
Shadows lengthen into night.**

**4 Deeper in the garden’s chill, Jesus kneels to pray alone,  
wrestling with God’s holy will, crying out, “Let it be done!”  
Shadows lengthen into night.**

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)**

SPECIAL MUSIC – *“Bell of Creation”* – Simple Gifts

GOSPEL – John 13:1-17, 31b-35

SERMON – *“How Will They Know?”*

HYMN – *“Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine”* (207, v. 5-8)

**5 All too soon, the silence rends, with a crash of club and sword.  
Judas, still received as “Friend,” with a kiss betrays his Lord.  
Shadows lengthen into night.**

**6 Christ’s disciples, weak with fear, fail one further, stringent test—  
so like us, with trouble near—fleeing far at his arrest.  
Shadows lengthen into night.**

**7 While the web of darkness grows, Jesus suffers through his trial.  
As the herald rooster crows, Peter speaks his third denial.  
Shadows lengthen into night.**

**8 Lifted high upon a cross, perfect love hangs pierced with nails.  
All creation grieves its loss, as the very sunlight fails.  
Shadows lengthen into night.**

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)

**Prayer: Most loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

WORDS OF DISMISSAL