

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 6, 2023

THE LORD'S SUPPER AND A SERVICE OF DARKNESS

PRELUDE Hymn Meditation on Ah, Holy Jesus

Jones

Dr. Terry McRoberts

WELCOME

THE GATHERING

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (John 1:1-5)

*HYMN: 204 Stay with Me STAY WITH ME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is a day of remembrance for us.

ALL: We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

One: Throughout the generations, we have received and handed onto others what the Lord

has given to us:

ALL: the towel of service,
One: the bread of his body,

ALL: the cup of the new covenant,

One: proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.

ALL: Amen.

THE CONFESSION

LIGHTING OF THE RED CANDLES

MUSIC The Old Rugged Cross arr. McDonald Chancel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we light the red candles tonight, we are mindful of our sin and the sin of this world. Even among Jesus' closest disciples, not all were clean. On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint, deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord. Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in the course of each day, we stray far from the paths of righteousness. We become engulfed in self-centeredness, expecting the world to meet our needs, and become angry when it doesn't. With heartless words and careless actions, we trample the (continued)

hearts of people close to us. Forgive us, O God. Grant that we might follow the example of Christ, who humbled Himself in obedience. As we remember his broken body and blood, remind us also of those things that are truly important. Forgive us when our actions deny you, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. In Christ we pray, Amen.

*THE PROMISE OF PARDON

One: All who respond to God's call to repentance are embraced in the generous mercy

of God. Whether you responded to God's call at the first opportunity, or whether you are responding for the first time now, God's gracious forgiveness is yours, in Jesus

Christ.

Sisters and Brothers,

In Christ your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen

THE SHADOWS GROW DEEPER

SHADOWS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 53

MUSIC When Jesus Wept arr. Walker
Chancel Choir

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation
Prayer of Consecration
Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN: 516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken KINGDOM

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-25

*HYMN: 51 To Abraham and Sarah LLANFYLLIN

THE SHADOW OF INNER AGONY

Matthew 26:36-39

*HYMN: 216 Beneath the Cross ST. CHRISTOPHER

THE SHADOW OF LONELINESS

Matthew 26:40-46

MUSIC When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Chilcott

Chancel Choir

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Matthew 26:47-50,55-56

MUSIC O Sacred Head Now Wounded Hassler

Chancel Choir

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Matthew 26: 59-68

MUSIC What Wondrous Love is This arr. Ramsay / Sharp

Chancel Choir

THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY

Matthew 27:27-31

MUSIC Jesus, So Lowly Friedell

Chancel Choir

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Matthew 27:33-54

MUSIC God So Loved the World Stainer

Chancel Choir

STRIPPING OF THE TABLE AND DRAPING OF THE CROSS

MUSIC Were You There When They Crucified My Lord? WERE YOU THERE

Susannah White, Soprano

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 laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

THE BENEDICTION

After the Benediction, please leave the Sanctuary in silence.