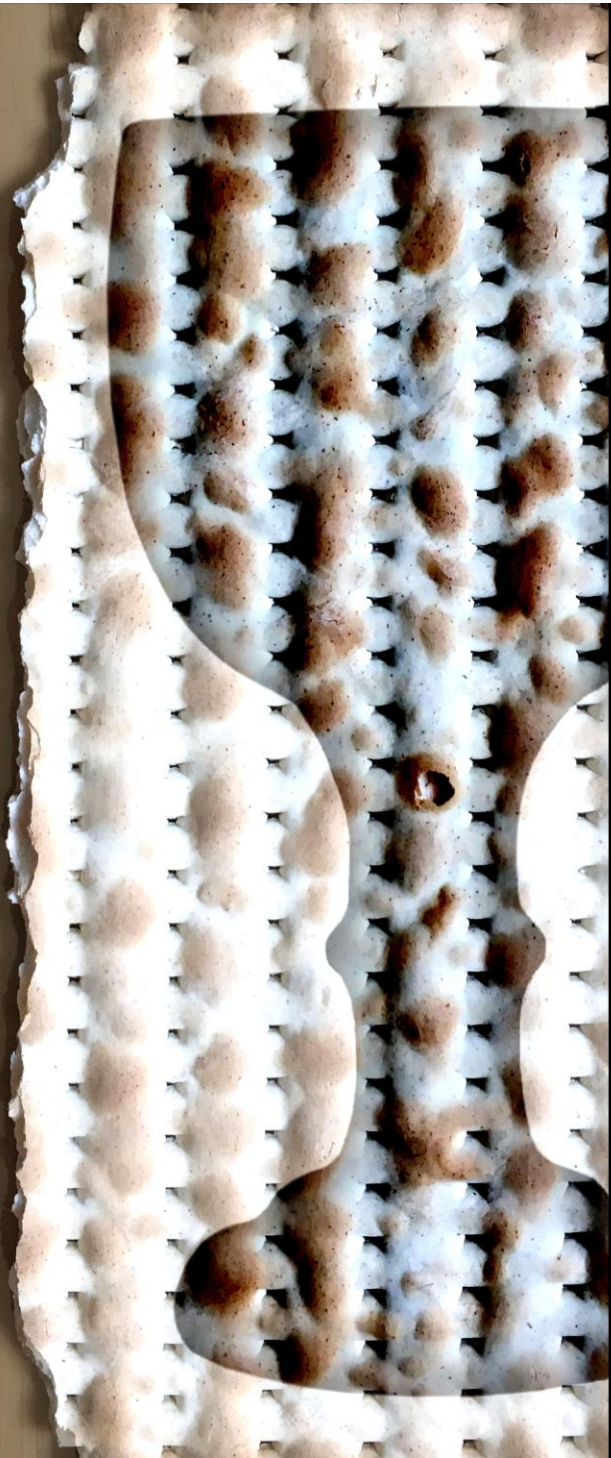


For as often  
*as you*

**EAT**  
*this*  
**BREAD**  
*and*  
**DRINK**  
*the*  
**CUP,**  
you proclaim  
*the*  
**LORD'S**  
**DEATH**  
until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26



# MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 28, 2024

## THE LORD'S SUPPER AND A SERVICE OF DARKNESS

*ucharistia*  
rry McRoberts

Cassler

### OPENING SENTENCES (*John 13:34*)

One: Jesus said, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

**ALL:** *Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.*

### WELCOME

### THE GATHERING

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

**\*HYMN: 204** *Stay with Me*

STAY WITH ME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the growing darkness we gather.

**ALL:** *Our Lenten journey has brought us here.*

One: Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, who washed the feet of his disciples and gave his life for all, sets before us a towel,

**ALL:** *a bowl,*

One: bread,

**ALL:** *a cup.*

One: He gives us an example and a commandment ever new: to love one another as he has loved us.

**ALL:** *This is how everyone will know we are his disciples, when we love each other.*

### THE CONFESSION

MUSIC

*The Old Rugged Cross*  
Chancel Choir

arr. McDonald

### LIGHTING OF THE RED CANDLES

### 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

*Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

## \*THE PROMISE OF PARDON

One: Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.

ALL: *Thanks be to God, Amen.*

## THE SHADOWS GROW DEEPER

### SHADOWS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 53*

### MUSIC

*When Jesus Wept*  
Chancel Choir

Billings

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

### MUSIC

*Pie Jesu*  
Chancel Choir

Gilpin

### 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** *Jesus Died Alone* Raney  
Chancel Choir

**THE SHADOW OF DESERTION** *Matthew 26:47-50,55-56*

**MUSIC** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Chilcott  
Chancel Choir

**THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION** *Matthew 26: 59-68*

**\*HYMN: 215** *What Wondrous Love is This* WONDROUS LOVE

**THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY** *Matthew 27:27-31*

**MUSIC** *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* Hassler  
Chancel Choir

**THE SHADOW OF DEATH** *Matthew 27:33-54*

**MUSIC** *Celebrate the Shadow* Schram  
Chancel Choir

**STRIPPING OF THE TABLE AND DRAPING OF THE CROSS**

**MUSIC** *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?* WERE YOU THERE  
Macey Berry, 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.*