Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m. Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service

The service of Tenebrae or "shadows" grew out of a combination night prayer and early morning prayer, focusing on the commemoration of the Passion. The latter was usually read several times. The most striking feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles. The dramatic high point occurs with the complete darkness and the loud noise, or strepitus, at the death of Jesus. (silence is requested)

Prelude

'The Cross of Jesus'

~ Maker

*Call To Worship

<u>Leader</u>: On this night Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

People: On this night Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

<u>Leader</u>: On this night Christ took a towel and basin and washed his disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do for others as he has done for us.

People: On this night Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice, and await the coming gift of resurrection and salvation.

*Hymn

'Lead Me to Calvary'

King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be; Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary. Lest I forget Gethsemane; Lest I forget Thine agony;

Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary.

Call to Confession Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us. For the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us. For all the times we have acted without love, for all the times we have reacted without thought, and for all the times we have withheld care, forgive us. For all the times we have hardened our hearts and refused to forgive, grant us in your mercy the ability to repent, to change our ways, and to be open to your forgiveness. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Seventh Scripture Reading

Mark 15:21-32

The Crucifixion Bruce Anderson EPC International Theological Education Network (ITEN)

*Hymn 'O, To See the Dawn'

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. This is the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

Eighth Scripture Reading

Mark 15:33-39

Dave Pawlos

The Death of Jesus

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!

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!

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid Him to the tomb?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble!

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Song of the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:4-9

Rev. Scott Graham

(There is no benediction. We will observe silence in the sanctuary until Easter.)

Assurance of Pardon

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Communion

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Reading

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

Luke 22:39-46 Greg & Chris Callison The Antioch Partners, Iraq

*Hymn 'The Servant King'

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load He chose to bear; His heart with sorrow was torn, "Yet not my will, but Yours," He said. This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow Him, To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.

Second Scripture Reading

Jesus is Arrested

Oh, abide with me!

Mark 14:43-50 Matthew McCandless Crosscurrent

Hymn 'Abide with Me'

Abide with me! Fast falls the even tide. The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless,

Third Scripture Reading

Before the Sanhedrin

Evan Shaw Sacred Road Ministries, Washington State

*Hymn 'What Wondrous Love is This'

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.

Fourth Scripture Reading

Mark 15:1-5

Mark 14:51-72

Jesus before Pilate

Keri Muir, Executive Director Choices Pregnancy Services, Monaca

Hymn 'O Sacred Head, Now Wounded'

What Thou, my Lord has suffered was all for sinners' gain; Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior; 'Tis I deserve Thy place;

Look on me with Thy favor, assist me with Thy grace.

Fifth Scripture Reading

The Crowd asks for Barabbas

Mark 15:6-15 Ginny & Alan Tung Cru College Ministries

*Hymn 'Hallelujah, What A Savior'

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned he stood Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Sixth Scripture Reading The Soldiers Mock Jesus

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Mark 15:16-20

Gary Koerth

Hymn 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'

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.