

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

Andy Sutton

****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

Mark 14:43-50

Sylvia Myers

Hymn

'The Old Rugged Cross'

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown

Third Scripture Reading

Before the Sanhedrin

Mark 14:51-72

Lillian Cunniff

****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

Jesus before Pilate

Mark 15:1-5

Aiden Sutton

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

Cindy Vannoy

****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

Mark 15:16-20

John Myers

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.

Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024 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***

Leader: Lord, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus’ suffering and death.

People: We come with his friends, the men and women who have followed him in every place and generation, to live once again Scripture’s account of service and betrayal, weakness and courage.

Leader: We come to witness your love in action.

People: Be with us, we pray, in Jesus’ name.

****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

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We have betrayed our neighbors, deserted our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal to you. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have often given ourselves to other attractions and lords. Have mercy on us, who are weak and willful. Lead us once again to your table, and unite us by grace to Christ, who is the bread of life, and offers us his covenant love through his sacrifice for our lives. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Seventh Scripture Reading
The Crucifixion

Mark 15:21-32
Shirley Bardes Hasson

****Hymn*** *‘Jesus Paid It All’*

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in me thine all in all.
Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain – He washed it white as snow.

Eighth Scripture Reading

The Death of Jesus

Mark 15:33-39

Laura Osman

Hymn *‘Were You There?’*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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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?
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, tremble!
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Song of the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:4-9
Rev. John McElwain

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

There is an offering basket located at the back of the sanctuary. All offering given during tonight’s service will go towards the Deacon’s Fund.