

# TENEBRAE



# SERVICE

MAUNDY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 1, 2021  
UNITED CHURCH OF DORSET AND EAST RUPERT

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*\*Means those who are able, are invited to stand*

**SILENT MEDITATION** *Welcome to our Maundy Thursday Eucharist Service and Tenebrae drama. The word "Maundy" is from the English form of the Latin word meaning "mandate" or "commandment." It refers to Jesus' primary commandment to his disciples: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED YOU." This shared love has found no finer ritual than in the sacrament of Holy Communion derived from Jesus' extraordinary celebration of Passover, also known as "The Last Supper."*

**GATHERING MUSIC** *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Has Thou Offended* Helmut Walcha

**CHIMING OF THE BELL AND WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** This is a night to remember.

**P:** *We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.*

**L:** We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup of wine.

**P:** *We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer while disciples slept.*

**L:** We remember His arrest, His trial, His suffering and denial.

**P:** *This is a night to remember.*

**L:** And search for God who lives in the shadows and darkness of our lives.

**\*HYMN (CH) # 195** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*1 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.*

*3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**L:** The Lord be with you. **P:** *And also with you.* **L:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** *Holy God, We are caught in the tension of light and shadow, death and resurrection. You spoke the world into being, you illuminated the universe by your very speech, then filled the void with life. Indeed, you have filled the void of darkness and death, the empty promises of the abyss, with new life and new creation. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may share the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**ANTHEM** *Surely He Has Born Our Griefs* - John Carter

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 27:15ff

**SERMON** Barabbas or Jesus

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**\*HYMN (CH) #425**      *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)*

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**Refrain:**      *When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)*

## WORDS OF INVITATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lucien Deiss, 20<sup>th</sup>-century French Catholic liturgist

**L:** Christ Jesus, in agony in the garden of Olives, troubled by sadness and fear, comforted by an angel:

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**L:** Christ Jesus, betrayed by Judas' kiss, abandoned by your apostles, delivered into the hands of sinners:

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**L:** Christ Jesus, accused by false witnesses, condemned to die on the cross, struck by servants, covered with spittle:

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**L:** Christ Jesus, disowned by Peter, your apostle, delivered to Pilate and Herod, counted among the likes of Barabbas:

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**L:** Christ Jesus, carrying your cross to Calvary, consoled by the daughters of Jerusalem, helped by Simon of Cyrene:

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**L:** Christ Jesus, stripped of your clothes, given vinegar to drink, crucified with thieves:

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**L:** Christ Jesus, insulted on the cross, praying for your executioners, pardoning the good thief:

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**L:** Christ Jesus, entrusting your mother to your beloved disciple, giving up your spirit into the hands of your Father, dying for all of us sinners:

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

**L:** By your sufferings, Lord, heal the wounds in our hearts. Let your tears be the source of joy for us, and let your death give us life.

**P:** *O Lord, have mercy on me.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### LITANY OF PREPARATION

**L:** God be with you.

**P:** *And also with you.*

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** *We lift them up to God.*

**L:** Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**P:** *It is right to give God praise and thanks.*

**L:** Therefore, with all the communion of saints we praise;

**P:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of Your glory.*

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we may experience Christ and receive his gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**\*HYMN (CH) # 202 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

*O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown:  
how pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish  
which once was bright as morn!*

*What thou, O Christ, hast 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,  
and keep me in thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee.*

**TENEBRAE DRAMA**

*“Tenebrae” means “darkness” or “shadows.” This drama dates back to the 7<sup>th</sup> Century CE, and has always included the dramatic extinguishing of candles after each section of the passion narrative is finished, symbolizing Jesus’ impending crucifixion. A solemn spirit exists throughout, culminating in the benediction of total silence, during which worshipers shall exit.*

**1. JESUS’ LAST EVENING WITH HIS DISCIPLES**

Mark 14:12-18 - Lynne Welsh

**2. STRIFE AMONG THE DISCIPLES**

Luke 22:24-27 - Ellen Leeds

**3. JESUS’ EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY**

John 13:3-17 - Keith Michl

**4. SHADOW OF BETRAYAL**

Matthew 26:20-25 - Merrick Counsell

**5. PREDICTION OF DENIAL**

Matthew 26:31-35 - Sandi Hedman

**6. AGONY OF JESUS**

Luke 22:39-44 - Sue Westin

**7. THE UNSHARED VIGIL**

Mark 14:32-41 - Stacy Meszaros

**8. THE HOUR IS COME**

John 17:1-6 - Dick Coss

**9. THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE**

John 17: 15-22 - Kit Wallace

**10. ARREST AT THE GATE**

John 18:1-6 - Shawn Hazelton

**11. THEY MADE FUN OF HIM**

Mark 15:16-20 - Karl White

**12. THE FINAL CONFLICT**

Mark 15:21-32 - Al Lindsey

**13. THE DEATH OF JESUS**

Mark 15:33-39 - Rev. Jim Gray