



MAUNDY THURSDAY/TENEBRAE SERVICE

March 29, 2018

7:00 p.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

PRELUDE

Hard Trials

arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Bettye Shirar, soprano

Been lis'nin all de night long, been lis'nin' all de day.

Been lis'nin all de night long, for to hear some sinner pray.

Refrain: Now ain't dem hard trials, great tribulation; ain't dem hard trials, I'm bout' to leave dis lan'.

O, de foxes, dey have holes in de groun', an' de birds have nests in de air,
an' everybody has a hidden' place, but us poor sinners ain't got nowhere. *Refrain*

O the day dey had her on the auction block, she's been poked and pushed and tried,
was de day her heart completely broke, was de day her heart done died. *Refrain*

You may go dis-away, you may go dat-away, you may go from door to door,
but if you ain't got de good Lord in-a yo' soul, why de trouble's gonna find you sho',
and de devil's gonna trouble yo' door, and there ain't no hidin' place. *Refrain*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On the first night of Passover, Jesus gathered with his friends to celebrate God's deliverance of a people from slavery to freedom.

We gather to remember the mighty acts of God.

Though the very ones who would betray and deny him were at table with him, Jesus did not break fellowship, but broke bread instead and blessed and shared it with them.

We gather to receive the lavish hospitality of Jesus.

While his friends argued about who would have a better place in the kingdom of God, Jesus quietly said, "There's only one commandment; love one another as I love you."

We gather to open our hearts to the faithful love of Jesus and to practice his command.

*HYMN NO. 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this most holy night, let us remember how we have failed Jesus.

God of service and abundance, on this night of holy meals, we are reminded that we ought to love and share with one another. We confess that your ways are not always our ways. When we drift toward isolation and indifference, may we remember this night of communion and your ever-new commandment of love. May our love and sharing be signs of hope for the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE (all sing)

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

v. 1

Stanzas 1,2,3

O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,

And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;

Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for -

sak - en: 1. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
2. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!
3. Your peace be with us, Je - sus!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system includes the instruction 'Stanzas 1,2,3'. The second system includes the instruction 'sak - en:'. The third system includes the instruction '1. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!'. The fourth system includes the instruction '2. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!'. The fifth system includes the instruction '3. Your peace be with us, Je - sus!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

A PRAYER FOR LIBERATION

Gracious and Loving God, you make us for life that is full and joyous; you make us for love; you make us for community; you make us to be free. Too often, we turn from your ways, and oppression results for us and for our sisters and brothers. God of the Exodus, act anew in your world.

Liberate us from the oppression of selfishness for the freedom of sharing.

Liberate us from the oppression of anger and hatred for the freedom of peace.

Liberate us from the oppression of guilt for the freedom of forgiveness.

God of the Exodus, liberate your children. Restore us to freedom.

Liberate us from oppression based on skin color or gender or other external characteristics for the freedom of living together as your children. Liberate us from the oppression of closets for the freedom of claiming our identity as your beloved. Liberate us from the oppression of false privilege for the freedom of knowing who we truly are.

God of the Exodus, liberate your children. Restore us to freedom.

Liberate us from the oppression of ruthless competition for the freedom of cooperation. Liberate us from the oppression of financial poverty for the freedom of sufficiency. Liberate us from the oppression of overconsumption for the freedom of enough in your grace.

God of the Exodus, liberate your children. Restore us to freedom.

Liberate us from the oppression of fear for the freedom of faith. Liberate us from the oppression of cheap cynicism and false optimism for the freedom of hope.

Liberate us from the oppression of isolation and indifference for the freedom of love.

God of the Exodus, liberate your children. Restore us to freedom. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY III. "Lord, Make Me to Know" from *Requiem* J. Brahms
Chancel Choir, Winthrop Buswell – bass baritone

Lord, make me to know the measure of my days on earth, to consider my frailty, that I must perish.
Surely all my days here are as a handbreadth to Thee, and my lifetime is as nought to Thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE MEAL IN THE UPPER ROOM

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We are gathered as disciples, and tonight Jesus reveals himself to us. He is the master teacher who unexpectedly washes our feet, as would a servant. He has led us triumphantly into Jerusalem, and yet he speaks of going where we cannot go, of being broken and poured out for us. We remember him now as he asked us to do, in a communal meal. Whether bewildered that he must depart, sobered before the cross that awaits or quietly anticipating Sunday's joy, let us center ourselves now – in this moment, connected with those around us – to seek God's presence in the breaking of the bread and the cup poured.

GATHERED AT THE TABLE WITH JESUS

Luke 22:14-23

THE COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward by way of the center aisle to receive The Lord's Supper by intinction.

*Please return to your pews by the side aisles. If you are not able to come forward,
and you wish to receive communion, please let an usher know.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

On a Calvary Tree
Chancel Choir

Carl Nygard

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples, so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray...

OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

(The first candle is extinguished.)

THE SHADOW OF ANGUISH

Luke 22:39-46

Kathie Pownall

HYMN NO. 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

vs. 1 & 2

(The second candle is extinguished.)

THE SHADOW OF VIOLENCE AND BETRAYAL Luke 22:47-53 Bob Brown

HYMN NO. 218 *Ah, Holy Jesus* v. 1

(The third candle is extinguished.)

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL Luke 22:54-62 Cynthia Miller

HYMN NO. 218 *Ah, Holy Jesus* v. 2

(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

THE SHADOW OF INJUSTICE Mark 14:53-65 Jim Silvius

HYMN NO. 223 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* vs. 1, 3, & 4
v. 1. – low voices
v. 3 – high voices
v. 4 – all

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

THE SHADOW OF HATRED Mark 15:1-15 Liz Rowe

HYMN NO. 221 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* v. 1

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS Mark 15:16-20 Elizabeth Lyman

(The seventh candle is extinguished.)

SOLO *Were You There* Spiritual, arr. Melva W. Costen
Christina Pressley

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

(The Bible is slammed shut to symbolize the closing of the tomb –
it does not return until Easter morning.)

DEPART IN SILENCE – THERE IS NO BENEDICTION UNTIL EASTER.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon in Charge: Paul Pringle

Communion Servers: Carol Haas, Jan Moore

Ushers: Marcie Jorgensen, Melanie Slezak



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
7:00 AM @ TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8:45 AM - 10:00 AM

EASTER WORSHIP
10:30 AM

***CHILDREN'S
EASTER EGG HUNT***
(FOLLOWING WORSHIP)

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