

April 14, 2022. 8:00 p.m.

Maundy  
Thursday



**A Maundy Thursday  
Tenebrae Service**  
IN THE DARKNESS...LIGHT

**PRELUDE**

Meditation on "Southwell" P. Lehenbauer  
(Lord Jesus, Think on Me)

**CHORAL INTROIT**

Kyrie

**WORDS OF DECLARATION**

**\*Hymn of Approach**  
#284 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

**\*WORDS OF INVOCATION**

**THE UPPER ROOM**

Love Poured Out John 13:1-5, 12-17, 31-35

**Anthem**

From an Upper Room J. Martin

**The First Supper** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**The Bread and the Cup**

*All are welcome to the Lord's Table*

**Instrumental Meditation**

Concerto in D minor BWV 974, Adagio Marcello/Bach

**THE SHADOWS**

**The Shadow of Certitude** Matthew 26:30-35

**Prayer of Confession and Humility**

Lord Jesus,

**We confess that we fail you and desert you.**

**We betray you with our thoughts,  
words and deeds.**

**We boast with certainty  
and we boast of our self-sufficiency.**

**Hear our cries for mercy,**

**and keep us humble**

**in these final days of our Lenten journey.**

*(silent reflection)*

**\*Hymn**

#386 Lord Jesus Think On Me SOUTHWELL

**The Shadow of the Garden** Matthew 26:36-46

**Anthem**

On the Mount of Olives E. Daley

**The Shadow of Betrayal**

**\*Hymn**

#262 Ah! Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**The Shadow of Accusation**

**Instrumental**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded arr. R. Haan  
Joseph Jang, cello

**The Shadow of Desertion**

**\*Hymn**

#263 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

**The Shadow of Trial and Shame**

**Instrumental**

Concerto for Cello, II Adagio J.C. Bach  
Joseph Jang, cello

**The Shadow of Crucifixion and Death**

Matthew 27:1-2,11-14,20-31

**Anthem**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

**Song of the Suffering Servant**

**Anthem**

When Jesus Wept W. Billings

*The Christ Candle is removed from the Sanctuary.  
We exit in silence and quiet reflection.*

*\* please stand as you are able*

**A MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

In many church traditions Maundy Thursday is a time for celebration and remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. The Upper Room was the place where breaking bread gained new meaning when Jesus said 'Remember me.' This first meal established the Lord's Supper as a gathering point for Christian worship in community. Our service tonight points to the wonder and mystery of all subsequent meals eaten in Jesus' name.

The service this evening is also a Tenebrae service, which calls to mind the suffering and death of Jesus. Dating from the 8th century, Tenebrae was originally celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. Tenebrae, the Medieval Latin word for *darkness*, is a service in which light fades into shadow and dark, as the sanctuary is gradually dimmed. We mark this path of shadows with scripture and song. As each candle is extinguished we press deeper into the story of Jesus' suffering. In the end only one candle remains, and the Christ candle is removed from the sanctuary as a symbol of Jesus' death. The congregation then leaves the darkened sanctuary in quiet reflection.

This practice is symbolic of the darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was betrayed, denied, handed over, crucified and buried. This service is also a reminder that nothing can separate us from the love of God. The Spirit of Christ is with us in the darkest places. Even in our darkest hour, *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."*

Tonight's movement to darkness engages our imagination, and prepares us to receive the Light of Easter morning. Walking this somber path, we anticipate the joyous news of the resurrection. The Christ candle will return during the Easter Sunday Service, a sign of the Lord Jesus raised to new life.

Readers: Dawn Stiles, Rev. Jeremy Keay  
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