

Maundy
Thursday



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

PRELUDE

Invocation D. Bédard

CHORAL INTROIT

Kyrie eleison

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

With the Body that was Broken PICARDY

The First Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Bread and the Cup

All are welcome to the Lord's Table

Instrumental Meditation

A. Pärt

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)

Words of Assurance

***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

Matthew 26:47-56

***Hymn**

#262 Ah! Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU

The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 26:57-68

***Hymn**

#263 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

The Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26:69-75

***Hymn**

#261 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

The Shadow of Trial and Shame

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

Anthem

Wondrous Love, Wondrous Cross J.M. Martin

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Death

Matthew 27:32-50

Anthem

Beneath the Cross of Jesus arr. H.H. Hopson

Song of the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 53:4-9

Choir

Jesus, Remember Me Taizé Community

*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: Gary & Cheryl Krueger;
FBC Adult Choir; Jerrold Eilander, organist; Katie Lam, guest conductor;
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