

Maundy Thursday

April 21, 2011

7:30 p.m.

Maundy is derived from the Latin word for mandate or commandment. On the night before his death, Jesus said to his disciples: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." At the end of the service, the congregation is encouraged to leave in silent reflection.

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on "Herzliebster Jesu" (2007) Edee Silva

Meditation on "There is a Green Hill Far Away" (1942)
Leo Sowerby

GREETING

Stacey Midge

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #97 (vs. 1-3) *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Redhead

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God, our God, blessed and eternal: hear our confession, and with your mercy, prepare us to receive the nourishment of your table and word.

(silent prayers of confession)

Holy God,

As we eat the broken bread and drink the wine of suffering, transform us so that we might risk new healing.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM *When You Woke that Thursday Morning* David Schack
Emily Peterson, flutist

When You Woke that Thursday Morning,
Savior, Teacher, faithful Friend,
thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages;
You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely,
longing with tormented heart
to be with your dear ones only
for a quiet hour apart:
sinless lamb and fallen creature,
one last Paschal meal to eat,
one last lesson as their teacher,
washing your disciples' feet.

What was there that you could give them
that would never be outspent,
what great gift that would outlive them,
what last will and testament?
"Show me and the world you love me,
know me as the Lamb of God;
Do this in remembrance of me,
eat this Body, drink this Blood."

One in faith, in love united,
all one body, you the head,
when we meet, by you invited,
you are with us, as you said.
One with you and one another
in a unity sublime,
see in us your sister, brother,
one in every place and time.

Jaroslav J. Vajda

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Stacey Midge

COMMUNION HYMN #94 *An Upper room Did Our Lord Prepare*
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COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*)

Carl Steubing

**Holy Holy, Lord God of Hosts!
heav'n and earth are full of thy glory,
glory be to Thee O Lord most high!**

COMMUNION

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive Communion by dipping the bread in the cup. All followers of Christ are welcome.

*HYMN #98 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Passion Chorale

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Tenebrae is the Latin word for shadows. This ancient service invites worshippers to meditate on Christ's passion. The candles are extinguished to represent the desertion and abandonment of Christ on the way to the cross.

Shadows Predicted Art Casey
John 13:31-38
Organ Interlude

Shadows of the Agony of Spirit Rachael Cox
Mark 14:32-42
Choral Interlude "Angus Dei"

Shadows of Accusation Rob Dickson
Matthew 26:59-67
Organ Interlude

Shadows of Denial Anne Putnam
Matthew 26:69-75
Choral Interlude "Kyrie"

Shadows of Crucifixion Darwin Brudos
Mark 15:22-32
Choral Interlude "Crucifixus"

Shadows of Forsakenness Chris Fernandes
Mark 15:33-36
Organ Interlude

Shadows of Death Leah Kidwell-Fernandes
Luke 23:33-46
Choral Interlude "Passus"

PRAYER

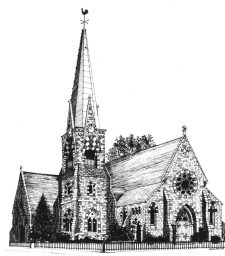
CREED SPOKEN (*Apostles' Creed*)

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

DISMISSAL The congregation may stand

The Office of Tenebrae choral music is from A Sacred Cantata by Joseph Clokey.

A Good Friday service will be held tomorrow in the sanctuary at 12pm.



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