



Jesus Prays
in Gethsemane

Mark 14:32-34

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

7:00 P.M.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

GATHERING AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a night to remember.

We remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

We remember his new covenant of broken bread and shared cup.

We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, his friend's denial.

We remember this night and we thank God for Jesus' presence with us:

He was with us then and He is with us even now.

*HYMN NO. 223 (v. 1, 2)

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, we see ourselves in the stories of this day. We are undisciplined in prayer.

We are unable to stay mindful of Your Presence. We react with violence rather than in peace. We need You now more than ever. We are reminded of this sacred night so as to remember the cost of discipleship. Save us from ourselves, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The LORD your God declares: "I will remember your sins no more. I will put my laws in your hearts and write them on your minds. Your consciences will be cleansed and your bodies washed with living water. Hold fast to hope without wavering. The LORD your God is faithful for ever more.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 26:26-30

PASTORAL MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (debts)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE LAST SUPPER

CHOIR OFFERING

“Christ, We Do All Adore You”

Dubois; Arr. Hopson

WORDS OF INVITATION and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THE BREAD OF LIFE, WHICH YOU WILL THEN DIP INTO THE CUP OF SALVATION (grape juice). If you cannot come forward, the elements will be brought to you. Gluten-free bread is being used tonight so that all may participate.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

We thank You, O Christ, for this table of mercy. We thank You, dear Messiah, for this bread of life. We thank You, suffering servant, for this cup of salvation and for the example You give us to be servants as well. Amen.

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE - A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. After each reading or piece of music, there will be a moment of silence followed by the extinction of candles. There comes a point in the service when you will hear a loud pounding noise: this is the sound of Jesus being nailed to the cross. After the Choir’s final selection the service is then over and you are asked to rest quietly a moment and then to leave in silence.

The Shadow of Betrayal

Luke 22:1-6

Julie Dubisz

Matthew 26:20-25

The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit Matthew 26:36-44

Julie Turner

The Shadow of Arrest

Mark 14:43-49

Reni Harnden

Sung Response: #219 *“Journey to Gethsemane”* vs.1, 2

The Shadow of Trial

Mark 14:50-65

Sandy Carter

The Shadow of Desertion

Mark 14:66-72

Ken Gould

Sung Response: # 226 *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* vs 1, 2

The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 27:11-18, 21-26 Diane Dunn

The Shadow of Crucifixion & Humiliation

Matthew 27:27-37 Rachel Cobban

Solo: “Were You There”

*Sounds of Death

The Shadow of Death

Matthew 27:45-54

Mark Pingree

Sung Response: #224 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" vs 1

The Christ candle is removed.

The Shadow of Burial

John 19:38-42

Pastor Deborah

Choir Response: "Lay His Body Down"

Darkness, Silence, Departure

~ Please leave as quietly and meditatively as possible ~

*Sounds of death: you will hear loud "pounding" coming from outside the sanctuary. This is the sound of Jesus being nailed to the cross.

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor and Teacher: The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

Music Director: Susan Handy

Pianist: Chris Ferrin

Readers: Julie Dubisz, Julie Turner, Reni Harnden, Sandy Carter, Ken Gould, Diane Dunn, Rachel Cobban, Mark Pingree, Pastor Deborah

Other Worship Opportunities This Weekend. We hope you will join us!

Good Friday 1:00

Ecumenical Worship Service: starting at First Parish and then going to the Church of the Transfiguration (Episcopal); then proceeding to St. Luke's UMC and finishing at St. Thomas.

Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m.

Sunrise Service with Communion at Broadview Farm, Young Rd, E. Derry

Best Breakfast 7:00

Join us for a Buffet Breakfast! Cost is \$5.00

10:00 a.m.

Family Worship Celebration