



Jesus Prays
in Gethsemane

Mark 14:32-34

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 2019

7:00 P.M.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

GATHERING AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jo Worthen

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. 218

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

*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.

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 *Miserere Nobis*, Terre McPheeters

Have mercy upon us. For Thou alone art holy. Thou alone art the Lord.
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Have mercy upon us.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 26:26-30

WORDS OF INVITATION and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION (Dipping the cracker into the grape cup.)

COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE THE BREAD OF LIFE (a rice cracker). THEN DIP YOUR CRACKER INTO THE CUP OF SALVATION (grape juice). If you cannot come forward, the elements will be brought to you. The rice crackers are gluten-free.

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. When the service is over you are asked to rest quietly a moment and then we ask that you leave in silence.

The Shadow of Betrayal Luke 22:1-6 Julie Turner

The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25 Becky Worthen

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

Sung Response: *Stay With Me*, Taizé

Stay with me, Remain here with me; Watch and pray, Watch and pray (repeat)

The Shadow of Arrest Mark 14:43-49 Diane Dunn

The Shadow of Trial Mark 14:50-65 Carol Guerrin

The Shadow of Desertion Mark 14:66-72 Steve Davis

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

The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 27:11-18, 21-26 Beth Hunter

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

The Shadow of Crucifixion & Humiliation

Matthew 27:27-37 Reni Harnden

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

The Shadow of Death

Matthew 27:45-54

Cyndi Gray

Choir: *When Jesus Wept*, William Billings

The Christ candle is removed.

The Shadow of Burial

John 19:38-42

Pastor Deborah

Total Darkness...

Silence...

Departure

~ When the lights return, please leave as quietly and meditatively as possible ~

Worship Leaders

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

Interim Music Director: Debbie Gline Allen

Keyboard: Chris Ferrin

Readers: Julie Turner, John Bartel, Steve Davis, Diane Dunn, Cyndi Gray, Carol Guerrin, Reni Harnden, Beth Hunter, Pastor Deborah, Becky Worthen, Jo Worthen

Gratitude to Diane Breeden for the Visual Worship Arts.

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, with a 3:00 concluding mass at St. Thomas, with the Stations of the Cross.

Easter Sunday 5:45 a.m.

Sunrise Service with Communion at Broadview Farm, Young Rd, E. Derry (East of the church; 2nd left)

10:00 a.m.

Family Worship Celebration