



Jesus Prays
in Gethsemane

Mark 14:32-34

Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020

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.

Opening Hymn: *"What Wondrous Love is This"*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this! That Christ should come in bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul;
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, we see ourselves in the stories of this day. Like the disciples, we are undisciplined in prayer and unable to stay mindful of Your Presence. We, too, 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 14:22-25

WORDS OF INVITATION and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION MEAL

As we celebrate Communion today, you will first be invited to take your morsel of bread – which you will HOLD. If you are with your family, please serve one another. Once everyone is served we will ALL take the bread together. This symbolizes that we are ONE BODY and that we are all one in the Spirit of Christ.

You will then be invited to take the cup of love which symbolizes the cup of wine that Jesus shared with his friends, saying "This is the cup of love given for you." You are invited to prayerfully drink from the cup at your own pace, in your own time. This demonstrates that we are each individuals in God's Presence - each one doing the best that he/she/they can to be the hands and feet of Christ on this earth.

Singing - Taizé: "Stay With Me"

Stay with me, Remain here with me; Watch and pray, Watch and pray (repea

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 a candle. 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 before returning to your present circumstance.

Singing: *“Journey to Gethsemane”*

Journey to Gethsemane, go and feel the tempter’s power;
Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch the anguish of this hour;
Do not hide or turn away; learn from Jesus how to pray.

Peter’s Denial Foretold **Mark 14:26-31**

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane **Mark 14:32-42**

Singing - Taizé: : *“Jesus Remember Me”*

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember when you come into your kingdom.

The Betrayal and Arrest **Mark 14:43-52**

Jesus before the Council **Mark 14:53-65**

Singing: *“Ah, Holy Jesus”* vs. 1

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that mortal judgement has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Peter Denies Jesus **Mark 14:66-72**

Jesus before Pilate **Mark 15:1-5**

Singing: *“Ah, Holy Jesus”* vs. 2

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Jesus, that has slain you.
And I, dear Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.

Pilate Hands Jesus Over **Mark 15:6-15**

Soldiers Mocking **Mark 15:16-20**

Singing: *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Christ of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

The Crucifixion **Mark 15:21-32**

(Sounds of death: During this reading you will hear loud “pounding”. This is the sound of Jesus being nailed to the cross.)

Singing: *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down.
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown,
how pale you are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does your visage languish which once was bright as morn.

The Death **Mark 15:33-41**

The Burial **Mark 15:42-46**

Singing: *“Were You There”*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

The Christ candle is removed.

Total Darkness...

Silence...

Worship Leaders:

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

Choir Director/ Organist: Joan Virga

Gratitude to Diane Breeden for her gift of Visual Worship Arts.

Gratitude to Joe Virga for helping with sound production.

Other Worship Opportunities This Weekend. Have a safe Easter weekend!

Easter Sunday 5:50 a.m. Sunrise Service on FaceBook Live with Shellie Aseltine

10:00 a.m. Join us on FaceBook Live
or Zoom (Follow link in Friday’s e-blast)