

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
THE LORD'S SUPPER AND TENEBRAE SERVICE**

APRIL 1, 2021

7:00 PM

THE PRELUDE

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND THE PLACING OF THE BIBLE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 22: 1-5 (OT. p. 500)

THE INVOCATION

NARRATION:

THE COMING OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

THE CALLING OF THE DISCIPLES

THE LIGHTING OF THE DISCIPLES' CANDLES

THE CALL TO CONFESS OUR SINS

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ---Isaiah 53: 4-9

THE UNISON ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divided the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. --- Isaiah 53: 10-12

THE ANTHEM *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* John Braddock

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35 (NT p. 107)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

REFLECTION | MATTHEW 26: 30-39

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING AFTER THE SUPPER

THE SCRIPTURE READING CONTINUES:

Matthew 26: 40-50 (NT p. 30)

EXTINGUISHING OF JUDAS' CANDLE

Matthew 26: 55-56 (NT p. 31)

EXTINGUISHING OF THE DISCIPLES' CANDLES

THE NARRATION OF THE TRIALS AND CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

THE EXTINGUISHING OF CHRIST'S CANDLE

THE DRAPING OF THE CROSS AND THE DIMMING OF THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

THE STREPITUS

The harsh, loud noise of the pulpit Bible closing represents the closing of the tomb.

THE TIME OF DARKNESS AND SILENT MEDITATION

The church bell tolls three times to commemorate the three days our Lord laid dead in the tomb.

As the lights of the church are raised just enough to allow for safety,
please exit the sanctuary in silence.

For this one night of the year, you are asked to refrain from speaking as you leave to allow each person time, silence, and space to reflect on the reality of the death of God's only Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, and to anticipate the joy of returning on Easter Sunday to celebrate His resurrection.

The Book of Hebrews 12: 1-3

*Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race
that is set before us,
looking to Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the sake of the joy
that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame, and has taken
his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.
Consider Him who endured such hostility
against himself from sinners,
so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.*

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