

# Maundy Thursday Service

## April 1, 2021

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As you prepare to worship this Maundy Thursday, you might want to gather these simple items of worship to join in when it happens during the service: a **candle**, a **lighter**, some **bread** and **drink** for communion, and a **Worship Bulletin** printed out if watching from a smartphone.

To participate more during worship—especially if worshipping with children—collect these additional items: **seven more candles** (the tallest one is the Christ Candle) to light one-by-one, then extinguish one-by-one, throughout the service; and, copy, color, and cut out **story pictures** to place by the candle when that part of the story is heard.

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### PRELUDE

*Come to Me*

Dan Forrest

*Inspired by these words:*

“Come to Me, all you who labor, come to Me, and I will give you rest. Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls. Come, My Child, learn My heart, for I am gentle and lowly. See how great My love, for you, that I have called you My child.”

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### CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another.

John 13:34

**Just as Christ has loved us,  
let us love one another.**

### OPENING PRAYER

#### Hymn

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

***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 caused the Lord of bliss***

***to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,***

***to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!***

TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811 MUSIC: Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835 PD

## THE COMING OF THE LIGHT

### The Light of the Prophets

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The people of God give thanks:

**The Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it.**



### The Light of Kings and Priests

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The people of God give thanks:

**The Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it.**



### The Light of the Messenger

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The people of God give thanks:

**The Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it.**



### The Light of Salvation

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The people of God give thanks:

**The Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it.**



# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God sent Jesus to love and save the world.



## *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for

you to re - veal your - self to us.

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

on - ly find in you, our God. *(hold last time) Fine*

1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy:  
2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort:  
3 For heal - ing, for whole-ness, for new life:  
4 Lord save us, take pit - y, Light in our

hear our prayer. In sor - row, in grief:  
hear our prayer. In weak - ness, in fear:  
hear our prayer. In sick - ness, in death:  
dark - ness. We call you; we wait:

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

THE LIGHT OF HOPE



THE LIGHT OF PEACE



THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN US

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The people of God give thanks:

**The Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it**



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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Together, we declare your praise saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

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Hear us now as we pray the family prayer, saying:

**Our Father, who 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' and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayer

Do you remember the New Commandment that Jesus gave us?

Let's say it together:

**I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another.**

**Just as I have loved you,  
you also should love one another.**

**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35**

Let us pray:

God, eternal and holy, source of all love,

let these words be sealed in our hearts

and shown in our lives:

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SERVICE OF SHADOWS

*(The Service of Shadows is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Jesus' journey to Golgotha, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of these events.)*

### The Shadow of Betrayal

Reading

Mark 14:10-13, 16-21

Hymn

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

***Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!***



### The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit and Arrest

Reading

Luke 22:39-48, 54

Anthem

*"Dark Gethsemane,"*

Lloyd Larson

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.  
Learn from him to bear the cross.  
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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### The Shadow of Denial

Reading

Luke 22:54-62

Hymn

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

***Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.***

TEXT: Johann Heermann, 1630; trans. Robert Seymour Bridges, 1899, alt. MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1640 P.D.



## The Shadow of Accusation

Reading

Mark 15:1-15

Instrumental “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word” African American spiritual

*Words to reflect on:* They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin’ word. Not a word, not a word, not a word.



## The Shadow of Mockery

Reading

Matthew 27:27-31

Anthem

“Lamb of God”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died. The humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood. My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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## The Shadow of Crucifixion

Reading

Luke 23:32-43

Hymn, sung two times

“Jesus, Remember Me”

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

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

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

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## The Shadow of Death

Reading

Mark 15:33-39

Instrumental

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Joseph M. Martin

*Words to reflect upon:* “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us! Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace!” Traditional liturgical text



The Shadow of Burial

Reading

John 19:38-42

Hymn

*"Were You There"*

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 laid him in the tomb?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

**O! - - - Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**



*The bell tolls thirty-three times, once for each year Jesus lived on Earth.  
The tangible signs of God in our midst are removed.*

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