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Maundy Thursday and Service of Shadows



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Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

Panis Angelicus, by César Franck

Preparation for Worship

Jesus' capacity for compassion, revealed from the cross, showed the very heart of God. God's compassion gave birth to the world, and the Spirit's compassion is on display when we dare to love as Christ loves.

Introit

Ubi Caritas, by Jacques Berthier (Taizé) Trinity Choir
(Translation: Where charity and love are found, there God is.)

Call to Worship (Responsive) Psalm 116:13 Rev. Diane Ford

On this spring evening in Santa Cruz, we gather to remember the events of the evening when Jesus shared his last supper with his friends and the events of the day that followed.

What then shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us? We will lift up the cup of salvation in the great congregation and call upon the name of the Lord.

*Hymn: PH #94

ENGLISH FOLK MELODY

The Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare, vs. 1-3

Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing

Diane

God's love for the world is revealed in Jesus Christ, who loved us to the utmost. Jesus – Savior and Lord – at his last meal with his disciples, gave them – and us – this new commandment: "... 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."

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Responsive)

Diane

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. When we have failed to serve as Jesus served,

Forgive us.

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us,

Forgive us.

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions;

Forgive us.

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true in this and every day, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

Diane

Jesus said, "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." And "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end."

The good news is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

***Gloria**

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Gloria, by Nicki Kerns

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

10
Spi-rit, Three in one... As it was in the be-gin-ning, now and ev-er

16
shall be, world with-out end, A - - - men.

Responsive Reading (Responsive)

Diane

John 13:1-17, 33-35

TABLEAU 1: Jesus and Disciples

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel

around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

TABLEAU 2: Jesus and Simon Peter

Jesus came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet; but my hands and head as well!" Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him; that is why he said not everyone was clean.

TABLEAU 3: Jesus and All of Us

When Jesus had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Anthem

The Last Supper, by Bernard Sexton

Trinity Choir

Refrain: Jesus took the bread he broke; Jesus shared the bread he broke and said "Do this, Do this in memory of me."

Jesus took the wine he poured; Jesus shared the wine he poured And said "Do this, Do this in memory of me."

I am the vine, you are the branches and

All who live in me will bear great fruit. REFRAIN

I am the bread, come down from heaven and

All who eat this bread will have eternal life. REFRAIN

All who come to me shall not hunger and

All who come to me shall not thirst. REFRAIN

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

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.

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The outer ring is wine; the inner rings are grape juice.

Gluten-free bread is made available.

***Sung Prayer GH #588** *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup, by J. Berthier (Taize)*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry;

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not thirst.

Sharing the Peace of Christ (Responsive)

After Jesus had shared the meal with his disciples and washed their feet, and given them the commandment of love, he also said to them, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."

Christ, who has nourished us, is our peace. He has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other.

Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with us now.

Having tasted his goodness, let us share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us turn and share the peace of Christ with our fellow Pilgrims on this Holy Night.

SERVICE OF SHADOWS ("Tenebrae")

Hymn PH 85 *What Wondrous Love is This, vs. 1 and "sinking down"*

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 heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the heavy cross for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down;

When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

I. The Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26:20–25

Sung Prayer *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;

Come, and listen to me.

II. The Shadow of Inner Agony

Luke 22:39–44

Sung Prayer *Stay With Me*

**Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.**

III. The Shadow of Loneliness

Matthew 26:40–45

Hymn PH #97 *Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 1*

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away, Learn from Jesus Christ to Pray.**

IV. The Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26:47-50, 55–56

Hymn PH #97 *Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 2*

**Follow to the judgement hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained.
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

V. The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 26:59–67

VI. The Shadow of Denial

Mark 14:66–72

Hymn PH #98 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded, vs. 1*

**O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown:
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

VII. The Shadow of Mockery

Mark 15:12–20

Stripping of the Chancel

Anthem *Ah, Holy Jesus; arr. Hal Hopson*

Trinity Choir

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

Miserere nobis, miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?

It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.

Miserere nobis, miserere nobis, miserere nobis. Lord, I crucified You.

VIII. The Shadow of Death

Luke 23:33-46

***Hymn** PH 102

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (repeat)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Vs. 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?...

Vs. 3. Were you there when they Pierced him in the side?...

Vs. 4. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...

Into the Darkness

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him no thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." (John 1:1-4) The light has come into the world, but people love the shadows rather than the light. (John 3:18)

Please leave the sanctuary in silence as we await the coming of Easter.

Image on front cover (public domain): *Jesus Washing Peter's Feet*, by Ford Madox Brown; Low angle photography of Jesus on the Cross, by unknown.

***We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.**

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;

GTG - Glory to God Hymnal

Welcome, beloved of God. About tonight...

Tenebrae

The second portion of tonight's service is a Tenebrae Service. The Latin word "Tenebrae" translates to "shadows" and "darkness." Tenebrae services date back to the 9th century, and most denominations practice it today. After each segment of the story is read, a candle is extinguished, representing the darkness throughout creation at Jesus' death.

Stripping the Chancel

Stripping the chancel (the front of the sanctuary) is a symbolic act representing the stripping of Jesus by the Roman soldiers before his crucifixion. It also represents the consequences of sin and the emptiness it leaves behind. It involves removing all decorations, vestments, and other objects from the chancel, leaving it bare. This practice signifies the humiliation and suffering of Christ, as well as the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples.

The Loud Noise

A loud noise is made at the end, after the final candle has been extinguished, symbolizing the earthquake that occurred at the time of Christ's death or the rolling of the stone over his tomb. This sound is a symbolic representation of the chaos and darkness that followed Christ's death.

Leaving in Silence

You are invited to remain in the sanctuary as long as you'd like, and as we exit, we will leave in silence, awaiting Easter Sunday.

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

Are you new tonight? We are glad you are here with us on this holy night. There are welcome cards in the pews and at the door—you are invited to fill one out and return it to a greeter or Pastor Diane. We hope to see you Easter Sunday or another time soon!



Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:30 am

Featuring the Easter Section of Handel's *Messiah*.

This joyous service is followed by an

Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages!

Easter Sunday: One Great Hour of Sharing

Families with children: On Easter Sunday, bring your "Gracie the Fish" boxes, and we will be dedicating those donations, along with everyone else's, to God's good work in the world!



Special Thanks

Pastor, Rev. Diane Ford; Music Director, Nicki Kerns

Clarinet, Richard Robinson

Readers: Michael Christie; Jerry and Sandy Thormann