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Maundy Thursday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP - Maundy Thursday

In preparation for Worship, please gather elements to participate in communion at home. Any kind of bread will do and a drink of juice or wine or water. Your experience of this service may also be enhanced with candlelight at home. Together, we reflect on the solemnity of the occasion, the final time that Jesus and his disciples shared before his death.

Our worship this evening is based on an early fourth century service to which the sacrament of communion has been added. The office of Tenebrae, meaning "shadows," is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, the approach of Jesus' enemies and the passion of Christ. In the deepening shadows we recall the darkness of desertion that came to Jesus in Gethsemane and lasted until Easter morning.

PRELUDE

Partita on "Stabat Mater Dolorosa"
Kajsa Teitelbaum

Winfred Douglas

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christina Braudaway-Bauman

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm
this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing
soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Pedro Silva

Gracious God, our burdens are too heavy to carry,
our worries too real to hide, and our ache for ourselves and our neighbors
too much to hold on our own.
Receive what our lips tremble to name, and what our hearts can no longer bear.
As you send your Spirit into our midst, center us in your abiding presence
and free us to trust your faithfulness to us.
Open to us your future and grant us the grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

PRAYER IN SONG

Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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THE NEW COMMANDMENT

John 13:1-17, 31-35

Stewart & Karen Hoover

The mark of the new community is love and service.

HYMN

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

SONG Jesus, Remember Me



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In the tenderness of this night, Holy God,

we have gathered around Christ's table.

In the sharing of bread and cup,

we remember afresh the truth

that we love because you have first loved us.

For this we are deeply grateful.

Grant that our whole lives may be lived in response

to your love shown to us in Christ Jesus, the Suffering Servant. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Recalling the desertion of Christ by the disciples, after each of the following readings the reader will extinguish a candle. After the seventh reading only the central Christ candle will remain to shine in solitude. After the final reading, it too will be extinguished, and the Bible will be closed to signify Christ's death. After the musical meditation, the Christ candle will be re-lighted to stand as a promise of the resurrection.

First Reading Matthew 26:20-25
The Shadow of Betrayal

Second Reading Matthew 26:31-35
The Shadow of Desertion

Third Reading Luke 22:39-44
The Agony of Soul

Fourth Reading Mark 14:32-41
The Unshared Vigil

Fifth Reading John 17:1-6
Father, The Hour Is Come

Sixth Reading John 18:1-5
The Arrest at the Gate

Seventh Reading Mark 15:16-20
The Shadow of the Cross

Final Reading John 1 selected verses
The Word Was God

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Weber

*Sweet Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest everlasting.*

*Vocals: Liesl Bryant in Thailand and Julieta Garcia in Texas,
Art: Stations of the Cross by David Cargill, 1997 at St. Basil Chapel,
University of St. Thomas, Houston Texas
Photos, Mary Lea McNulty*

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The Service ends in Silence.

*Scripture Readers: Deborah Voss, Ginger Johnson, Charley Rastle, Matthew Benz-Whittington, Stephanie Angell,
Pedro Silva and Calista FitzSilva, Jessica, Reece and Matilda Austin, Chris Braudaway-Bauman*

HOLY WEEK - You can find this full page on our website at www.firstcong.net, including information about how to join each worship service or activity.

Good Friday Evening Prayer – April 10, 7:00 pm

Good Friday is most solemn of all Christian observances. We end this day with an Evening Prayer Service of Scripture and song as we remember the death of Jesus and pray for the world at the foot of the cross.

Easter Sunday – April 12, 10:30 am

Easter is the most joyful day of the Christian year as we celebrate the Good News of Christ's Resurrection. As we peer into the tomb and find it empty, we remember how God is always bringing new life from death.

HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Maundy Thursday - 6:15 to 6:45 pm

Worship for Children, Youth and Families before joining the whole congregation for a Worship Service of Communion, Candlelight and Shadows at 7 pm

Meet on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/453526110> Prepare for 6:15 pm: a bowl of water, hand soap, and a towel
Prepare for 7:00 pm: a candle and matches, bread and juice

Good Friday –April 10, 7:00 pm - Evening Prayer

See the Weekly Update on Friday for information on how to join the service and to download a copy of the Good Friday bulletin.

Easter Sunday –

See the NEW Sunday morning email for information on how to join the service and download a copy of the Easter Sunday bulletin.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A ROAD TO REMEMBER – PART 3

Good Friday. 5 pm on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/653385614>

Join Mark Meyer in tracing a uniquely American perspective to the Stations of the Cross facilitated with artwork from the American Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C. curated by Victoria Jones. Walking through the Stations of the Cross through the eyes of the American experience will shed new light on our connection with the Via Dolorosa.

YOUR GIVING

In this time when we are physically apart, the ministry of the church continues. To make a contribution to the church, a payment on your pledge, or to make a gift to our Special Offering for COVID-19 Relief you may:

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