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Mauudy Thursday

Tenebrae Service

March 24, 2016 - 6:00PM



MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSION WEEK WORSHIP

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Paula Jansson

*Welcome and Call to Worship

Tom Dendy

How shall we repay you, Lord, for all your goodness to us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

We are your servants, Lord, help us celebrate this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Help us fulfill all you intend for us as members of the community of God.

*Congregational Hymn No. 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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Call to Confession

Tom Dendy

Friends as the shadow of the cross looms over us we are aware that we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Jesus invites us to confess our sins trusting that he has taken them upon himself and will continue to take them upon himself. Jesus promises that when we confess he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

Prayer of Confession Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive us and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. *(Silence for personal confession.)*

Assurance of Pardon (based on John 12:47; 13:1) 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 therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

LAMENTATION OF THE LAMB – A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

By Pamela Stewart and John Purifoy

OVERTURE

Lighting the Lenten Candles

Paula Jansson

FIRST Gospel Reading

Becky Kiser

FIRST Lamentation Reading

Bo Yates

ANTHEM

A Gathering of Shadows

Extinguish candle 1

Paula Jansson

THE UPPER ROOM

SECOND Gospel Reading

Becky Kiser

SECOND Lamentation Reading

Bo Yates

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Becky Kiser

Words of Institution, Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

Becky Kiser

UNISON Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bo Yates

Nourishing God, we gather as your people this night to partake in the gifts you bring. For wheat of the field and fruit of the vine, we are grateful. Around your table, we find community in communion. We find a sharing in our oneness of faith. Bring to us the healing that such communion brings. Bring to us new life in the elements of our faith. Grant us peace amidst the storm of betrayal and encroaching darkness. May we be strengthened by what we find here together, at this table, in your fellowship, in your promise that we are part of the body and blood of Christ in your Church. Enfold us in your hospitality, O God that we might partake in the love that you so want us to know. We ask in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup by Intinction – *Please file forward to one of the two stations and take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat it in remembrance of Jesus Christ.*

ANTHEM

The Table of Forgiveness

Extinguish candle 2

Paula Jansson

GETHSEMANE

THIRD Gospel Reading

Becky Kiser

THIRD Lamentations Reading

Bo Yates

ANTHEM

Forsaken in the Garden

Extinguish candle 3

Paula Jansson

PILATE'S COURT

FOURTH Gospel Reading

Becky Kiser

FOURTH Lamentations Reading

Bo Yates

ANTHEM

In the Twilight of My Sorrow

Extinguish candle 4

Paula Jansson

GOLGOTHA

FIFTH Gospel Reading

Becky Kiser

FIFTH Lamentations Reading

Bo Yates

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Extinguish candle 5

Paula Jansson

STRIPPING THE CHURCH

Recession of the Christ Candle

Paula Jansson

Drape the communion table in black

Becky Kiser and Joan Yates

THE TOMB

SIXTH Gospel Reading

Becky Kiser

SIXTH Lamentations Reading

Bo Yates

ANTHEM

Lamentations for the Lamb

Congregational Hymn 228 (Vs. 1-5)

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

Return of the Christ Candle

Paula Jansson

Charge:

Becky Kiser

Behold the good news: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, God's own light, which the powers of darkness have not and cannot overcome!

Benediction:

Bo Yates

Friends, tonight we have walked with Jesus through his passion with scripture and with song. We have shared Holy Communion in remembrance of Jesus' final meal before his death. As we go out, let us remember our Savior's love for us all and for the world, demonstrated in his life, death and resurrection. Though we stand now in the shadows of death – we know the rest of the story that leads us to the light of Easter and life of resurrection – and the promise of life even life everlasting! Go now in peace and hope!

PLEASE LEAVE THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Musicians for this evening's service Tamar Ben-Pazi, cello; Noelle Mason, flute; David Chase, oboe; Jesse Willis and Josh Frans, percussion; the Celebration Choir, and Sarah Abushakra, Director of Music.

JOIN us March 27, 2016 for EASTER WORSHIP at 11:00AM!!!

Invite your friends to share in the joyous celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus!

