

# **Maundy Thursday**

**March 28, 2024**

## **Prelude**

George Frederic Handel

“He Was Despised” from *The Messiah*

*Shanna Nolan, mezzo-soprano*

“He was despised and rejected of men;  
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.

He gave his back to the smiters,  
And his cheeks to them that plucked off the hair;  
He hid not his face from shame and spitting.”

## **Welcome**

## **Opening Prayer**

## **First Scripture Reading** (p. 1298)

John 6:32-35

“Jesus told them, ‘I assure you, it wasn’t Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

They said, ‘Sir, give us this bread all the time!’

Jesus replied, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’ ”

## Setting of the Table

Special Music

Billy Sprague

“Vía Dolorosa”

*Mario Arevalo*

“Down the Vía Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day,  
The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street,  
But the crowd pressed in to see  
The man condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon his back,  
And he wore a crown of thorns upon his head.  
And he bore with every step  
The scorn of those who cried out for his death.

Down the Vía Dolorosa, called the way of suffering,  
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King.  
But he chose to walk that road out of his love for you and me.  
Down the Vía Dolorosa all the way to Calvary.

Por la Vía Dolorosa, triste día en Jerusalén,  
Los soldados le abrían paso a Jesús.  
Mas la gente se acercaba  
Para ver al que llevaba aquella cruz.

Por la Vía Dolorosa que es la vía del dolor,  
Como oveja vino Cristo, Rey y Señor.  
Y fue Él quien quiso ir por su amor por ti y por mí.  
Por la Vía Dolorosa al Calvario y a morir.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men  
Made its way to the heart of Jerusalem.”

**Second Scripture Reading** (p. 1209)

Matthew 26:20, 26

“That evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, ‘Take and eat. This is my body.’ ”

**Placing of the Bread**

**\*Hymn No. 276**

Faithfulness

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"

**Third Scripture** (p. 1209)

Matthew 26:27-29

"He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven. I tell you, I won't drink wine again until that day when I drink it in a new way with you in my Father's kingdom.' "

## Placing of the Cup

### Special Music

Andrew Lloyd Webber

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*

*Laura León*

*English Translation of Latin Text:*

“Merciful Jesus,  
Father, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant them rest.

Lamb of God,  
Father, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Grant them rest,  
Everlasting  
Rest.”

### Sacrament of Communion

#### \*Closing Hymn No. 513

Let Us Break Bread

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

“Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,

With my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.”

## **Benediction**

\*The congregation is invited to stand, in mind or in body.