

The Service of Holy Communion

Gathering Rev. Zach Bay

Invocation Rev. Kristy Bay

The Story of the Last Supper Rev. Zach Bay

*Hymn No. 314
“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Institution & Partaking of The Last Supper

Silent Procession to Sanctuary

The Service of Shadows

*Musical Meditation No. 316
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
vv. 1 & 2

*Confession of Sin Rev. Zach Bay

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive all our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

*Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it; you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

*Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choral Anthem

“Panis Angelicus”
Chancel Choir

English Translation

Thus Angels' Bread is made the Bread of man today:
The Living Bread from heaven with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed! The poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Kristy Bay
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Homily

“Parting Words”
Rev. Zach Bay

Discipline of Silence

Call to the office of Tenebrae Rev. Zach Bay

The Office of Tenebrae

The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25
Jim Isaac

The Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:31-35
Scott Ballard

The Agony of Soul Luke 22:39-44
Jennifer Farrar

The Unshared Vigil Mark 14:32-41
Mary Beth Elmore

Father, the Hour is Come John 17:1-6
Rev. Hubert Harvey

That They May Be One John 17:15-22
Myciah Pemberton

The Arrest at the Gate John 18:1-5
Suzana Gibson

The Shadow of the Cross Mark 15:15-20
Rev. Zach Bay

The Stripping of the Altar

*Hymn No. 315
“Were You There”

*Benediction Rev. Zach Bay

**Please depart in reverent silence*

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

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Help each other become more like Jesus

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WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY?

Maundy Thursday is the fifth day of Holy Week and the beginning of the Easter Triduum (Latin: “three days”). Countless Christians through the centuries have gathered for worship this day. The word “maundy” derives from the old Latin word *mandatum*, meaning “commandment,” and is a reference to the commandment Jesus gave to his disciples in today’s Gospel Lesson: For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done.” Jesus is there referring to his washing of the disciples’ feet—and all of his ministry before it—acts of humbling self and serving others.

On Maundy Thursday, we observe the ordinance of Holy Communion in a special way—not only as The Lord’s Supper but also as The Last Supper. It is at the communion table that God most visibly gathers us together as equals under Christ—no one better or lesser than any other—and calls us to serve one another and all people.

Our Maundy Thursday service concludes with the Office of Tenebrae (Latin: “shadows”). We read a series of Scripture passages that walk us, step-by-step, from The Last Supper, through the Garden of Gethsemane, to the darkest of all shadows—the shadow of the cross. As the soldiers lead Jesus away to be crucified, we like the disciples flee in silence, returning on Good Friday to

hear—but only from a distance—Jesus’ Seven Last Words from the cross.

~ Rev. Zach Bay

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Maundy Thursday



“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