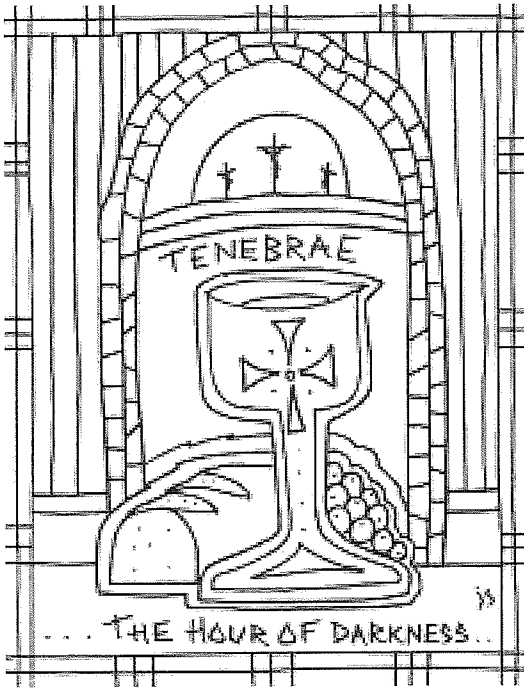


# MAUNDY THURSDAY



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**Six O'Clock in the Evening**  
**March 24, 2016**

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016  
6:00 PM

*The Congregation is asked to make use of the Pre-Service Time for quiet preparation, meditation, and prayer. A description of the service is included on the back of the bulletin.*

*\*As you are able, please stand in body or in spirit.*

### Ringing of the Hour

#### Welcome

#### \*Call to Worship

*Leader: God said, "Let there be light;" but we still cling to the darkness.*

**People: We want darkness to cover our sin.**

*Leader: God sent his Son into the world not only to shed light upon our sins, but also to pay the price for them.*

**People: Let us then turn away from the darkness of sin; and in true, repentant humility, let us receive the light of hope in Christ Jesus.**

#### \*Hymn No. 94

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*  
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#### Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Father, time and again we turn to the shadows of sin, and away from the light of your love. Forgive us Lord. Help us to turn away from the paths of darkness, and cling forever to the cross on which our Savior suffered and died for our salvation. We are in no way worthy, Lord, but trusting in the loving promise of your Son; we pray that as we hear the story of his passion, we may be cleansed by the fire of repentance, and made new creatures through his blood. We pray in Christ's name... (Silent Confession)**

**Penitential Response**                      **from Psalm 51 set to TALLIS' CANON**

Have mercy God in your great grace  
Wash me from every staining trace  
Of sin and evil I have done  
I pray to you the Holy One

Open my mouth that I may raise  
A song to you of glorious praise  
The sacrifice that brings you joy  
A humble heart you will employ

**Assurance of Pardon**

While we were still sinners Christ died for us. We have been justified by his blood, and we are saved by his life. This is proof of God's love for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Lesson**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Meditation**

**Holy Communion**  
**Invitation to the Lord's Table**  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
**Words of Institution**  
**Communion of the People by Intinction**  
**Closing Prayer**

*Communion will be served by Intinction. When appropriate, ushers will invite you to come forward up the aisle to receive communion; a piece of bread to dip in the cup, this way receiving the body and blood of Christ.*

**Reflections by Candlelight: A Tenebrae Service (please see insert)**

**People depart in Silence and Darkness...**

*Please join us tomorrow for a Good Friday Service at 12:00 Noon.*

## *Reflections by Candlelight: A Tenebrae Service*

*Many of the events surrounding the last days in the life of Jesus Christ are shrouded in darkness. In the fourth century, a solemn observance known as "Tenebrae" was celebrated. The place of worship was brightly lit at the beginning of the service and by the end of the service there was total darkness except for the Christ candle, the symbol of Jesus Christ, the light of God's love. The word Tenebrae means "shadows" in Latin, so this becomes a service of shadows. The gradual extinguishing of the candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and friends of Jesus and the resentment of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the cross. As we see the pageant unfolding, we are reminded of our own falling away and the consequence of separation from God.*

*At the conclusion of the service, the Christ Candle is carried out of the room to mark the three days in the tomb. The tolling of the thirty-three bells – one for each year in the life of Christ – is begun. The congregation leaves the church silently. There can be no benediction until Easter morning...*

**Reflections by Candlelight: A Tenebrae Service**  
*Please remain seated for the Readings and Hymns*

**First verse of Hymn #508 *For the Bread Which You have Broken:***

*For the bread which You have broken,  
For the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which You have spoken,  
Now we give You thanks, O Lord.*

**First Reading: The Last Supper  
Candle is extinguished**

**First verse of Hymn #97 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* is sung:**

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

**Second Reading: The Agony in the Garden  
Candle is extinguished**

**First verse of Hymn #93 *Ah, Holy Jesus* is sung:**

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

**Third Reading: The Betrayal and the Arrest  
Candle is extinguished**

**Second verse of Hymn #93 *Ah, Holy Jesus* is sung:**

*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.*

**Fourth Reading: The Denial**  
**Candle is extinguished**

**Third verse of Hymn #80 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* is sung:**

*You must go and stand your trial,  
You have to stand it by yourself,  
O, nobody else can stand it for you,  
You have to stand it by yourself.*

**Fifth Reading: The Trial**  
**Candle is extinguished**

**First verse of Hymn #98 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* is sung:**

*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.*

**Sixth Reading: The Crucifixion**  
**Candle is extinguished**

**First verse of Hymn #102 *Were You There?* is sung:**  
*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

**Seventh Reading: The Death**  
**Candle is extinguished followed by the Ringing of the Bell.**

*People depart in Silence and Darkness.*