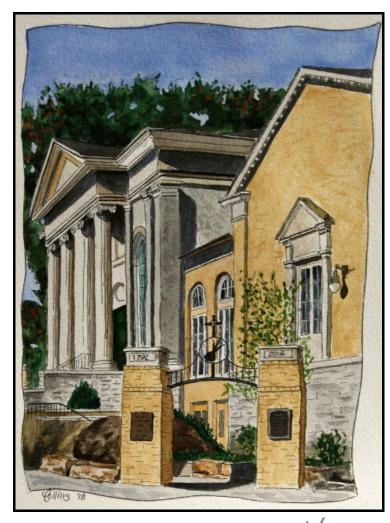


Maundy Thursday Service

March 28, 2024





Founded in 1792

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a night to remember.

We remember the Passover Jesus shared with His disciples.

We remember His new covenant of broken bread and cup.

We remember His night alone in the garden in prayer.

We remember His arrest and trial.

We remember His suffering and the denial of His friend.

We remember His sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing and then nailed high on a cross.

We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us.

*OPENING HYMN Jesus Remember Me 227

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord Jesus, like Judas we have betrayed you;

like Peter, we have denied you

like the other disciples, we have forsaken you.

Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross.

We plead for your forgiveness and mercy.

And we ask that you strengthen us so that we do not turn aside but follow you to the very end – for the final victory belongs to you.

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

*Assurance of Pardon

*MUSICAL RESPONSE

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

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In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

The Sacrament of Communion

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: BREAKING AND BLESSING THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION We Sing Your Praise Johann Michael Haydn We sing your praise, O Manna from on high, O Bread of life, Redeemer of the world. Holy, holy, beyond measure, holy. Love's redeeming work is done in this wondrous sacrament. O Fount of life and Spring of water clear, O word of God, we give you thanks and praise; Holy, holy, holy beyond measure holy, Love's redeeming work is done in this wondrous sacrament.

CLOSING PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

LESSON I	The Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20–25 Pew Bible, NT, p. 30
HYMN	Ah, Holy Jesus (vv.1-3)	218
LESSON II	The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:30–35 p. 30
HYMN	Ah, Holy Jesus (vv.4-5)	218
LESSON III	The Shadow of the Unshared Vigil	Luke 22:39 <u>4</u> 6 p. 87
HYMN	Stay with Me	204
LESSON IV	The Shadow of Accusation	Mark 14:43–65 pp. 52-53

ANTHEM Calvary's Mountain

Jesus died on Calvary's mountain, long time ago, and salvation's rolling fountain now freely flows. Once his voice in tones of pity melted in woe, and he wept o'er Judah's city long time ago. On his head the dews of midnight fell, long ago; now a crown of dazzling sunlight sits on his brow. Jesus died yet lives forever, no more to die. Bleeding Jesus, blessed Savior, now reigns on high. Children, let your lights be burning in hope of heaven. Waiting for the Lord's returning at dawn or even. When he comes, a voice from heaven shall pierce the tomb, come ye blessed of my Father; children, come home.

Arr. K. Lee Scott

LESSON V	The Shadow of Denial	Matthew 26:69–75 p. 31
Hymn	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	221
LESSON VI	The Shadow of Crucifixion	Matthew 27:27–38 pp. 32-33
Hymn	Were You There?	228
LESSON VII	The Shadow of Death	Luke 23:44–49 p. 89
SILENCE FOR REFLE	CTION	p. c.

THE STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL AND ENTERING THE DARKNESS

PSALM 22 OT, pp. 500-501

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

No benediction is offered on Maundy Thursday; tonight's worship concludes with the removal of the Christ candle from the sanctuary. The service continues on Sunday with a Celebration of the Easter Resurrection at 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Those who wish to remain in the Sanctuary for prayer and meditation are invited to do so. Others are asked to depart in silence.

^{*}Please stand in body...or in spirit.

