



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

7:30 PM

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ~ John 3:19

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP* – Isaiah 53

*Who has believed what we have heard? . . . he was despised,
and we held him of no account.*

**Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried
our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.**

*But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned

**to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

**Ah, holy Jesus, how has thou offended, that we to
judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the
slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered;
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,
God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal
sorrow, and thy life’s oblation,
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**

WHO IS JESUS?

*Composed and arranged by Joel Raney
Adult Choir, accompanied by Pat Fullen,
directed and narrated by Marya Katz*

Who Is Jesus?

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

The Welcome Table

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore, we join our voices with those of every time and place, and with all creation we sing your praise, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... we declare the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer - **On this night, in the midst of the festival celebrating the freedom you gave our ancestors the Israelites, we give you thanks that still you free us and show us how to be a new kind of people. You call us to love one another the way you love us—extravagantly and without reservation, even to the end. We give you thanks that as Jesus re-defined this feast, we can see your abundance, your joy, and the true meaning of love—to be broken and poured out for others.**

We want to live your abundant life, and we thank you that in this feast you have given us the strength for that journey. Give us courage to claim you when others betray, courage to follow you when others desert, courage to love even when we are not loved in return. You have broken yourself open to show us love and life. Help us to do the same, loving, serving, and caring for your world. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Prayer at Gethsemane

Clark Gaylord, soloist

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Who Is Jesus? (Reprise)

Fairest Lord Jesus (the congregation is invited to sing)

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down.
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

TENEBRAE

Charles Bostian, Alex Aning

Let us pray together:

What we contemplate this night is beyond words, beyond understanding. May the Holy Spirit intercede for us and give voice to what, for us, is inexpressible. Amen.

Chimes play through once, then congregation sings:

**We remember truth once spoken,
Love passed on through act and word;
Eve'ry person lost and broken
Wears the body of our Lord. (repeat)**

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

STREPITUS

(a loud noise that symbolizes the shutting of the tomb)

PLEASE LEAVE IN SILENCE