

# Maundy Thursday Communion and Service of Tenebrae

March 29, 2018

*A Service of Tenebrae is a time to reflect upon the emotions of the Passion narrative.*

*“Tenebrae” is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness” and has been practiced by the church, beginning with the Monastic orders, since medieval times. As the passion unfolds, the darkness or shadows increase until only the Christ candle remains lit. Once it is removed, feel free to remain in the darkened sanctuary for as long as you desire, then depart in silence.*

## The Gathering

### \*CALL to WORSHIP

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,  
and we loved darkness rather than light.

\*Hymn No. 190: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

INVOCATION: Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your children gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

## Service of the Lord’s Supper

### THE INVITATION

Friends: This is the joyful feast of the people of God,

We come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at  
table in the kingdom of God.

The GREAT PRAYER of Thanksgiving and the LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### The WORDS of INSTITUTION

The DISTRIBUTION: (Please come forward, break off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup and return to your seats in silence)

### PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Hymn No. 198: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

## Service of Tenebrae

### The Shadow of Prediction

Matthew 26: 6-13

### The Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26: 20-25

### The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit

Matthew 26:36-45

### The Shadow of Arrest

Matthew 26: 47-56

### The Shadow of Desertion

Luke 22:54-62

### The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 27:11-18, 21-26

### The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

Matthew 27:27-37

### The Shadow of Death

Matthew 27:45-54

### The Shadow of Burial

Matthew 27:57-59

DISMISSAL: May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you. Amen

*Please depart in silence.*

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Please join us for Easter Services:

Sunday, April 1, 2018:

Sunrise / Early Service at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Traditional Easter Service at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
W O R S H I P



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Nursery Attendant: Linda Flowers    Organist: Doug Ritchey

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Tonight's Elder Assisting: Leslie Crawford

EXPERIENCE THE DARK BEFORE THE LIGHT

TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 | 7:00 PM