

# Order of Worship

## Prelude

*O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross*, BWV 622  
(O Man, bewail thy great sin)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Welcome

Rev. Will Burhans

## Moment of Silence

## The Call to Worship

Maggie Keeler

One: We are gathered tonight to recall the Last Supper that Jesus had with his friends and to remember the events that followed. Are you prepared to come to the table of the Lord, whose life was poured out for us?

**All: By the grace of God, we are.**

One: Will you watch with Jesus at prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane?

**All: By the grace of God, we will.**

One: Will you follow Jesus, even on this night of his betrayal?

**All: By the grace of God, we are ready. We will follow with our love and our prayers. God of grace and steadfast love, greatly is Your name to be praised.**

## \*Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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## Call to Confession

Kathleen Zagata

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been lacking and weak and we have failed to serve others as Jesus served; we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips but then deny him with our actions. Forgive us, merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Words of Assurance

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

## Anthem

***Were You There?*** [2000]

trad. Spiritual/arr. Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh -- sometimes it causes me to tremble, to tremble, to tremble.

Were you there when he bowed his head and died?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh -- sometimes it causes me to tremble...

Were you there when he rose up from the tomb?

Oh -- sometimes it causes me to tremble...

Johann Soultz, cello

## The Service of Tenebrae

Washing of the Feet

John 13: 1-9

Rev. Eileen Morris

Agony in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

John Keeley

Choir

***Ah, Holy Jesus***

Music by Howard Helvey

Text by Johann Heerman (1585-1647)

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended, that man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended?

By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

The Arrest

Luke 22:47-53

Megan Scipione

Before the Authorities

John 18: 10-14

Nick Troise

Choir

***Ah, Holy Jesus*** (v. 2)

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee: I crucified Thee.

Peter's Betrayal

John 18: 16-18, 25-27

Mabs Harris

Jesus on Trial

John 18: 28-38

Margaret McIndoe

Choir

***Ah, Holy Jesus*** (v. 3)

For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;

Tkhy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Pilate's Dilemma

John 18: 38 – 19:11

Joani Valeriano

The Crowd's Judgment

John 19: 12-16

Janet Vaughn

Choir

***Ah, Holy Jesus*** (v. 4)

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee, I do adore Thee and will ever pray Thee,

Think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving. Amen.

The Crucifixion

John 19: 16b-25a

Rev. Judy Arnold

The Death

John 19: 25-30

Rev. Will Burhans

The Christ Candle Extinguished

Silent Meditation

The Lord's Prayer

Re-lighting the Christ Candle and The Vigil Begins

Depart in silence

A note about the readings: Tonight's readings can be hard to hear, not only because they detail the suffering of Jesus, but also because they sound anti-Semitic, in that the death of Jesus is blamed, at least in part, on some of the religious leaders and "the crowd," most of whom were Jewish. It is important to state and remember that being Jewish is not what these readings condemn--Jesus himself and all of the disciples were Jews. What is *condemned* in these readings is the sin of closing our hearts to the Love of God, which is something we all do at times. Let us remember that our entire Bible--both Old and New Testaments--attests to the undying love of God for the people of Israel.

## Meet Our Church

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**April 14, 2022**  
Maundy Thursday and Service of Tenebrae

### Introducing the Service

In order to enter most fully into the spirit and mood of this evening's service, that of meditation and personal reflection, we ask that silence be observed by all worshippers. Use the time prior to the service as a time to enter into the presence of the One who welcomes us as we move in spirit into that Upper Room.

The Service of Tenebrae is an adaptation of an early 4th Century observance of Holy Communion. "Tenebrae" in Latin means "shadows": as the candles are extinguished, symbolic of the flight of the disciples, shadows and darkness come upon us. The total darkness recalls the time Christ was in the tomb, and the relighting of the Christ-candle is prophecy of the Easter so soon to dawn.

As this service ends the Good Friday Vigil begins. You are welcome to stay for as long as you'd like this evening or come back to the sanctuary for prayer at any point between now and noon tomorrow. You are also welcome to join us for a brief Good Friday service tomorrow at 12pm in the front of the sanctuary.