

The Worship of God

March 24, 2016

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Six Thirty O'Clock

In preparation for this service of worship, meditate upon the poem printed on the cover of the order of worship.

MEDITATION

ORGAN PRELUDE: Master Tallis's Testament Herbert Howells

CHORAL INTROIT: "Stay With Us" Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Why have you come to this place?

People: To worship the Lord and receive blessing from God.

Minister: Why have you come on this night?

People: To remember Jesus' sacrifice and his love for us.

Minister: Why have you gathered around this table?

People: Because it is a banquet of love and a feast of salvation.

Minister: Are you willing to eat this bread and drink this cup?

People: With God's help, his forgiveness, and his mercy, we are.

Minister: So be it. Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 197: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

PROCLAMATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14

* HYMN 210: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

HOMILY: "Leaning into the Heart of the Holy: When Memory Becomes Meaning" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, our self indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

People: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Forming two lines, please use the center aisle as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain seated, a Deacon will serve you. This evening we will take the bread and the cup by intinction, dipping the bread into the common cup. You will take a piece of bread from the plate offered by a Deacon and dip it into the chalice offered by one of the ministers. You may then place the bread in your mouth. A common response when taking communion is to say, "Thanks be to God." or a simple, "Amen."

ANTHEM: "Ubi Caritas" Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Where charity and love are, God is there.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

THE PASSION READING: Matthew 26:36-56

* HYMN 202: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LIGHT

HANDBELL MEDITATION: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Matthew Prins

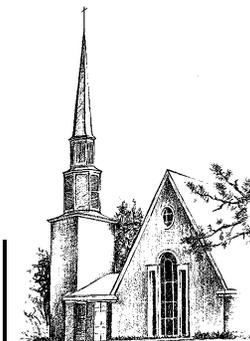
DEPARTURE IN SILENCE

* Congregation stands.

LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

Good Friday, March 25
Prayer Service - 12:00 p.m.

Resurrection Sunday, March 27
Sunrise Communion Service, Spring Arbor - 7:15 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Easter Worship - 11:00 a.m.



Lent 2001

*The cosmos dreams in me
while I wait in stillness,
ready to lean a little further
into the heart of the Holy.*

*I, a little blip of life,
a wisp of unassuming love,
a quickly passing breeze,
come once more into Lent.*

*No need to sign me
with the black bleeding ash
of palms, fried and baked.
I know my humus place.*

*This Lent I will sail
on the graced wings of desire,
yearning to go deeper
to the place where
I am one in the One.*

*Oh, may I go there soon,
in the same breath
that takes me to the stars
when the cosmos dreams in me.
Joyce Rupp, 2001*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Spencer Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
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Mark Pichowicz
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