

The Worship of God
My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer

March 29, 2018

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: Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Roland Carter

No harm have I done you on my knees. When you see me on my knees, dear Lord, come here, Jesus, if you please. O Lord, have mercy on po' me. When you see me on my knees, dear Lord, come here, Jesus, if you please.

*** 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 202: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

PASSION CHORALE

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

HOMILY: "My Life as Prayer"

Dr. Wright

ANTHEM: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" African-American Spiritual/arr. Harold Moyer

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all." Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend; and if you lack of knowledge, he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Merciful God, our sure hope on earth and in heaven, we confess to you and to each other that we are sinners who need a most patient and generous Savior.

People: We have not loved you without reserve, we have not loved others without conditions, we have not even loved our own souls.

Minister: We have spread folly rather than wisdom, anxiety instead of trust, and we have allowed ignorance and prejudice to misshape our words and deeds.

People: We have subtly crucified good things that emerge from others and from our own hearts. We have wounded Christ, not with cruel actions alone, but with a horde of small betrayals and compromises.

Minister: As we repent and seek your costly grace; please let forgiveness, cleansing, and much spiritual repair happen in us this day.

All: Grant us your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM: "Lay Me Low"

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Lay me low where the Lord can find me, where the Lord can own me, where the Lord can bless me. Lay me low.

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: "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 PASSION OF OUR LORD

THE PASSION READING: Matthew 26:36-56

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LIGHT

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

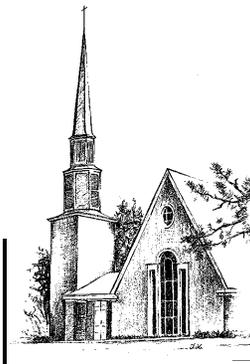
DEPARTURE IN SILENCE

* Congregation stands.

LAKESIDE AT WORSHIP

Good Friday, March 30
Prayer Service - 12:00 p.m.

Resurrection Sunday, April 1
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Easter Worship - 11:00 a.m.



What to Do in the Darkness

*Go slowly
Consent to it
But don't wallow in it
Know it as a place of germination
And growth
Remember the light
Take an outstretched hand if you find one
Exercise unused senses
Find the path by walking it
Practice trust
Watch for dawn*

Marilyn McEntyre

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THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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