



***Maundy Thursday
Service of Tenebrae
March 28, 2024
7:00 PM***



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First Plymouth Congregational Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, March 28, 2024
7:00 PM

MEDITATION & PRELUDE: GATHERING OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP

Interlude V
Kent Lemburg, *piano*

by Chip Davis

RINGING OF THE WORSHIP BELL

WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Robert von Trebra

SENTENCES

The Reverend Michelle Fincher

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

***HYMN OF ADORATION** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
(printed hymn can be found on page 4 of this Order of Worship)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (adapted from a litany by Richard N. Eick)

Leader: Judas, servant of jealousy, where are you?

People: I am here.

Leader: Peter, servant of fear, where are you?

People: I am here.

Leader: Thomas, servant of doubt, where are you?

People: I am here.

Leader: Men and women of Jerusalem, swept up in mob rule, where are you?

People: I am here.

Leader: Pilate, captive to expediency, where are you?

People: I am here.

Leader: The story of Christ's passion and death mirrors for us much of our own weakness and sin.

People: We all come here as people who have missed the mark and who are alienated from God and our neighbors near and far.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Leader: This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you:
God is light.*

People: If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have communion with one another, and we are forgiven all our sins.



SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:12-21

COMMUNION

The bread is gluten-free. The cup is wine (red) or grape juice (white)

ANTHEM

Fairest, Lord Jesus
First Plymouth Chancel Choir

-arr. Charles Forsberg

COLLECT

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, you give us the sun to illumine the day and the moon and stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

READINGS AND EXTINGUISHING OF LIGHTS

Denial Foretold

Mark 14:26-31

Kay Grice

Gethsemane

Mark 14:32-42

Genevieve Sainz

HYMN

Journey to Gethsemane (verses 1-3)

(printed hymn can be found on page 5 of this Order of Worship)

Betrayal and Arrest

Mark 14:43-50

Sydney Summers

Trial before the Council

Mark 14:53-65

Doug Brown

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

(printed hymn can be found on page 6 of this Order of Worship)

Peter's Denial	Mark 14:66-72	Sandy Clough
Jesus Before Pilate	Mark 15:1-5	Evelyn Wright
"Crucify Him!"	Mark 15:6-15	James Thompson
Jesus Mocked	Mark 15:16-20	Jan McCoy

HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
(printed hymn can be found on page 7 of this Order of Worship)

Golgotha	Mark 15:21-24	Ryan Beach
Crucifixion	Mark 15:25-32	Sophia Hayden
Death	Mark 15:33-41	Rev. Michelle Fincher
Burial	Mark 15:42-47	Rev. Dr. Robert von Trebra

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SOLO *Were You There* African-American spiritual
 Jill von Trebra, *soprano*

SILENCE

RELIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE WORD WAS GOD John 1,3, excerpts Rev. Dr. Robert von Trebra

LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**Our Father/Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
 Amen.**

DEPARTURE *(please depart in silence)*



TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAM

Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Robert J. von Trebra
and the Reverend Michelle Fincher

Director of Music and Technology in Worship: Joel Rinsema

Choir: First Plymouth Chancel Choir

Pianist: Kent Lemburg

Assistant Minister for Pastoral Care: Sophia Hayden

Audio & Video Technician: Joel Rinsema

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG
LM

Alt. tune: ROCKINGHAM

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707
MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

Journey to Gethsemane

John 18:1-20:18

James Montgomery, 1820; alt.

1 Jour - ney to Geth - se - ma - ne, go and feel the
 2 Fol - low then to Pi - late's hall, view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb, see the Sav - ior
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb, hear the cry of

tempt - er's power; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - rained; Crowned with thorns and mocked by all,
 lift - ed high, Mark the mir - a - cle of time,
 great sur - prise; Then the si - lence in the room,

watch the an - guish of this hour; Do not hide or
 faith - ful - ly this pain sus - tained; Great - er still than
 God's own Child is sac - ri - ficed; "It is fin - ished!"
 Je - sus there no long - er lies: Christ is ris - en!

turn a - way: learn from Je - sus how to pray.
 shame or loss, Je - sus now must face the cross.
 Je - sus cries: learn from Je - sus how to die.
 Re - al - ize that with Christ we, too, may rise.

James Montgomery, born of Moravian missionary parents, edited a newspaper in England. Risking imprisonment, he published articles advocating human rights, including the abolition of slavery. He wrote more than 400 hymns.

Tune: REDHEAD NO. 76 7.7.7.7.7.
 Richard Redhead, 1833

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johann Heermann, 1630

Isa. 53:3-5; John 1:11; 18:15-17

Paraphr. by Robert Bridges, 1899; alt.

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed, that mor - tal
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you? It is my
3 For me, kind Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion, your mor - tal
4 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay you, I do a -

judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, that has slain you. And I, dear Je - sus,
sor - row, and your life's ob - la - tion, Your death of an - guish
dore you, and will ev - er pray you, Think on your pit - y

by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you.
and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and your love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Based on an eleventh-century Latin meditation by Jean de Fécamp, this is one of many fine hymns by Johann Heermann. Though poor, Heermann's parents prepared him for the Lutheran pastorate. Much of his ministry took place during the Thirty Years' War.

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11.11.11.5.
Johann Crüger, 1640

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Medieval Latin, attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux (1091–1153)

Isa. 53; John 19:1–3

German paraphr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656

Transl. James W. Alexander, 1830; alt.

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 What you, dear Sav - ior, suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you, dear - est friend;

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, your on - ly crown,
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but yours the dead - ly pain.
 For this your dy - ing sor - row, your pit - y with - out end?

How pale you are with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior, for I de - serve your place;
 May I be yours for - ev - er; and though my days be few,

How does your vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
 Look on me with your fa - vor, O grant to me your grace.
 O Sav - ior, let me nev - er out - live my love for you!

This hymn is drawn from an extended Latin poem in seven sections, each addressed to a member of Christ's body on the cross. It comes to us by way of a German translation by Lutheran pastor and hymnwriter Paul Gerhardt.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 (HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN)
 Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729
 For another harmonization, see 179