

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

The Prelude “*God’s Peace (Come Away from Rush and Hurry)*”
 Brenda E. Austin/C.J. Adams, arr.

The Call to Worship¹ (responsive)

LEADER: Come to this place apart to pray; God, who has given us life, meets us here.

PEOPLE: **Will God be revealed to us on this dark night? Has not God turned away and forsaken us?**

LEADER: Come, all who are weary and discouraged, God, whom you have trusted, has not deserted you.

PEOPLE: **Will God hear our cries and replenish our strength? Who can believe in the midst of such sorrow?**

LEADER: Come, all who have laid loved ones to rest; God, who grieves with us, watches with us now.

PEOPLE: **Will God’s promise of new life be realized? How shall we know the truth, when Trust is crucified?**

The Invocation

*The Hymn, 225

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

REDHEAD

The Call to Confession¹

Today we remember tragic events of long ago. A human being who embodied fully God’s intention for all of us fell victim to the destructive power of empire. Even his best friends did not dare to challenge this miscarriage of justice. As we put ourselves into the story, we are likely to be counted among either the oppressors or the cowardly friends. In either camp we have much to confess. Trusting that the One who embraces the universe is also the One who knows us intimately and calls us by name, let us open our hearts to God.

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness¹

One has lived among us who bore our sin and sorrow, who even yet heals us and makes us whole. We are forgiven; we are healed; we are new persons in Christ, who sets us free from our bondage to lesser gods that we might serve the One True God in joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

The Hebrew Bible

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14 (p. 51)

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (p. 933)

LEADER: This is the word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (p. 876)

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*The Hymn, 436

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

CHEREPONI

The Celebration of Communion

We celebrate communion this evening through the practice of intinction. After the words of invitation and the prayer of thanksgiving, you are invited to come forward, receive a piece of bread, and dip it into the cup. All bread is gluten-free. If you need assistance in receiving communion, please inform an usher or indicate with a raised hand.

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Bread and the Cup

“Amazing Grace”

Sandra Eithun, arr.

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Julia H. Johnson

The Passion Narrative

Mark 15:1–39

The Musical Reflection

“Lamb of God”

F. Melius Christiansen, arr.

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by Thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

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Liturgists for this service are: Christopher Chapman, Michael Hood, Lynn Lingafelt, Leah Reed.

Musical leadership is offered by: Warren Howell; Maureen Howell; Bob Kimball; the Sanctuary Choir; and the Evening Bells, under direction of Anna Anderson.

Voices Around the Cross is a sequence of reflections based on characters who were present at the Crucifixion of Jesus: John; Mary Magdalene; Mary, Jesus' mother; Dismas (the name traditionally given to the Good Thief); and the Roman soldier.

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Easter Services

6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service, Capitol Square
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship, sanctuary

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