



Maundy Thursday

"A new commandment [mandatum] I give to you." John 13:34

The Sanctuary

April 6, 2023

7:30 pm

The Words of Preparation

Please enter humbly, worship deeply, and leave quietly this evening with your heart centered on the suffering of Christ for you and your salvation. You will observe a diminishing of light through the service in the pattern of *tenebrae* worship. *Tenebrae* means shadows, and our worship will include reminders of the suffering that Christ endured. The all-embracing darkness speaks to the spiritual warfare in which we live and the fullness of Christ's sacrifice for us and the world.

Jesus said, "Could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray with me." *Mt. 26:40*

The Welcome

Dr. Miller

The Entering Request Lord, Have Mercy Boswell, Papa, Keys, and Tealy
Eric Baird and Jaclyn Metcalf, soloists

For what we have done and left undone, we fall on Your countless mercies. For sins that are known and those unknown, we call on Your name so holy. For envy and pride, for closing our eyes, for scorning our very neighbor; in thought word and deed we've failed You, our King, how deeply we need a Savior!

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us!
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

For what You have done, Your life of love, You perfectly lived, we praise You! Though tempted and tried, You fixed Your eyes; You finished the work God gave You!

And there on the tree, A King among thieves, You bled for a world's betrayal; You loved to the end, our merciful Friend, how pure and forever faithful! *Refrain.*

For hearts that are cold for seizing control, for scorning our very Maker; in thought word and deed, we've failed You our King, how deeply we need a Savior!

The Call to Worship

On this night Jesus was betrayed and denied by those closest to Him. Condemned by the religious leaders, mocked and derided by those standing near, he was tortured and readied for execution by the Roman authorities.

We come to remember. To watch and pray. Come, let us go with Him –all the way to Gethsemane, to the judgment hall, all the way to Golgotha. Come. Let us go with him.

The Solo Gethsemane Hymn Keith Getty/Stuart Townend

To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to His knees, the Light and Hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief. What nameless horrors must He see, to cry out in the garden: "Oh, take this cup away from Me! Yet not My will but Yours." To know each friend will fall away, and heaven's voice be still, for hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill. No words describe the Savior's plight, to be by God forsaken, till wrath and love are satisfied, and every sin is paid. What took Him to this wretched place, what kept Him on this road? His love for Adam's cursed race, for every broken soul. No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry, all mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet He drank it all, the Savior drank it all.

◆ **The Hymn** 93 Ah, Holy Jesus! HERZLIEBSTER JESU

The Prayer of Confession Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Ah, holy Jesus, we are the guilty, each of us and all of us, who brought this upon you.... (*in silence...*)
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Ah, holy Jesus, it is our treason that has undone you...(*in silence*)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Ah, holy Jesus, we are the ones who have denied you...(*in silence*)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy, for we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind or strength. We have gone our own way and have left undone what we ought to have done. We are often distracted, stiff-necked, and hard-hearted. Awaken us to your presence, forgive our foolishness, and heal us by your steadfast love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...

The Reading

Isaiah 53:4-6

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Surely, He has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases --yet we accounted Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities. Upon Him was the punishment that made us whole and by His bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Litany

God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16

Lord, we believe, help our unbelief! Lord, in your mercy, help our unbelief.

Jesus said, "Abide in me as I abide in you."

In your mercy, abide with us, Lord. Hear our prayers....

The Response

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens Lord,
with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee; help of
the helpless, O abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can
foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay
can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the
gloom and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and
earth's vain shadows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

The Scripture

John 13:1-5

The Homily

The Onslaught of Darkness

Jesus loved them to the end. John 13:1

Set all your hope on the grace that Jesus the Messiah brings. 1 Pet. 1:13

The Anthem

Behold the Lamb

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we
remember the promise made that all who come in faith find
forgiveness at the cross.

*So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice, as
a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you, eat and
remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
paid the price to make us one.

*So we share in this bread of life and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.*

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember. He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice, as a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember, our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering we proclaim, "Christ will come again" And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King around the table of the King.

The Invitation to the Table **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup
(worshippers are invited forward)

The *Tenebrae*: a Service of Shadows

Acolytes: Jacob Hand and Morgan McIntosh

The Shadow of Prophecy Isaiah 52:7-10 Rev. Wambugu Gachungi

The Anthem God So Loved the World John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25

Rev. James Estes

The Hymn Lord, Is It I?

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“Lord, is it I?” your followers cried, when at the table by your side,
you said betrayal sat nearby, and they all asked, “Lord, is it I?”

We, too, good Lord, have played the fool, denied your love,
refused your rule, betrayed your trust, dismissed your grace –
you bore the cross, and took our place!

Now, hear our prayer and read our heart, in this your world so
torn apart; Lord, come and meet us in our need; and from your
grace, Lord, let us feed.

The Shadow of Temptation Matthew 26:36-42

The Anthem Stay With Me

Jacques Berthier

Brad Morgan, soloist

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Stay here
and keep watch with me. Watch and pray! Watch and pray not to
give way to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.
My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here with me; stay
awake and pray. Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by.
Father, if this cannot pass me by without my drinking it, your will
be done.

The Shadow of Crucifixion Mark 15:21-25

The Anthem In the Darkness of Night

Michael Haydn

In the darkness of night they crucified Lord Jesus, the Savior. And
it was near the ninth hour, when with a loud voice Jesus cried out
and said: My God, my God; why hast thou forsaken me? And
bowing low his holy head, in anguish, he succumbed. Then cried
out Jesus, once more loudly and he said: Father, Father! Into thy
hands now do I commend my spirit. And bowing low his holy
head, in anguish, Jesus died.

The Shadow of Death Luke 23:44-46

The Anthem Lamb of God F. Melius Christiansen

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, our hope had us forsaken: Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

The Light of the World Dies

The Dark and God-Forsaken Silence

The Hymn Were You There?

When they crucified my Lord?
When they nailed Him to the tree?
When they laid Him in the tomb?

The Tolling of the Bell

The Prayers for Sustaining Grace

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*Worshippers are invited to leave in silence, pondering the love of Christ,
and trusting in the redemptive power of God.*

Come and Worship:

Tomorrow:

Good Friday worship: noon, Kerr Chapel

Rev. Terry Buxton, Emmanuel Baptist Church, OKC

Rev. Deron Spoo, First Baptist Church, Tulsa

Rev. James Estes

Rev. Wambugu Gachungi

Rev. Daniel Hutchinson

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Dr. Jim Miller

Easter:

Resurrection Sunday

6:30 a.m. Sunrise service, Camp Loughridge;

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary (identical services);

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Stephenson Hall;

11:00 a.m. Tulsa Internat'l Fellowship, Great Hall