LITURGY FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025 7:00 pm

PRELUDE "Improvisation No. 2" Camargo Guarnieri

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures forever.

Dear friends in Christ, with the setting of the sun this evening, our observance of Lent ends, and we enter into the three-day celebration of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. This night we gather to remember the new commandment our Lord gave us, that we should love one another, just as he loved us. With grateful hearts we call to mind his willing service at the feet of his disciples during his last supper. We celebrate with joy the meal he left us; the everlasting memorial of his dying and rising to new life; the promise of his abiding presence in the sacrament of his most holy body and blood. Therefore, as we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins, trusting in God's forgiveness; and let us ask that we may so keep this three-day celebration, that we may grow ever more faithful in obedience to Christ's commandment of love, and in our witness to his death and resurrection.

Let us join in silent prayer.

A period of silence is kept, followed by a chanted Kyrie (see words below) which will be chanted three times. Please join in the chanting as you feel comfortable.

Kyrie, kyrie eleison, Kyrie, kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Savior, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The congregation is seated.
A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

After the reading the lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the Lord * for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord * is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.!

A READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

First Corinthians 11:23-26

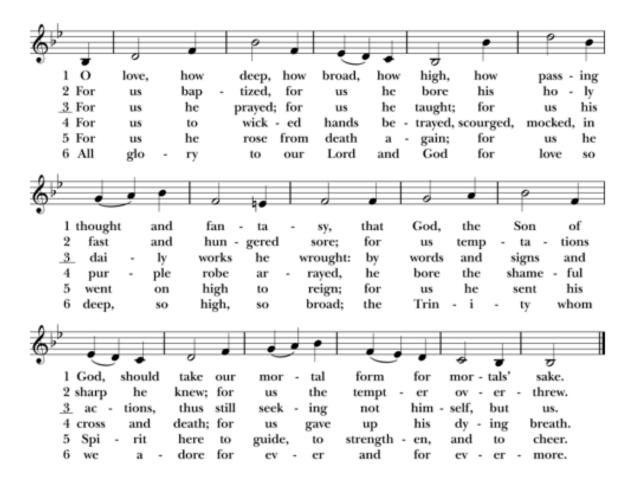
After the reading the lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing this hymn

HYMN 449 verses 1-4



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

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

REFLECTION Teresa Savel

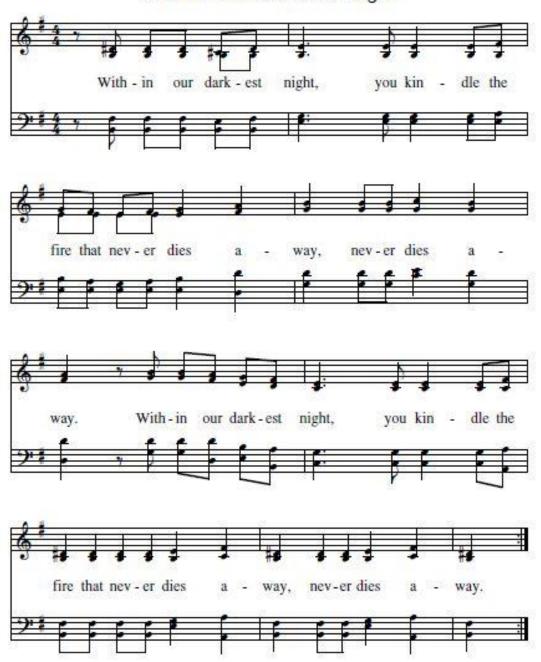
Silence is kept.

THE WASHING

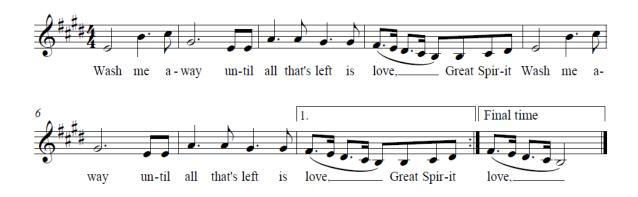
After the homily, you will be invited to come forward and have your feet washed. Three stations will be available for people who wish to have their feet washed. There will also be an option of having your hands washed instead of your feet at one station. During this time, we will sing chants.

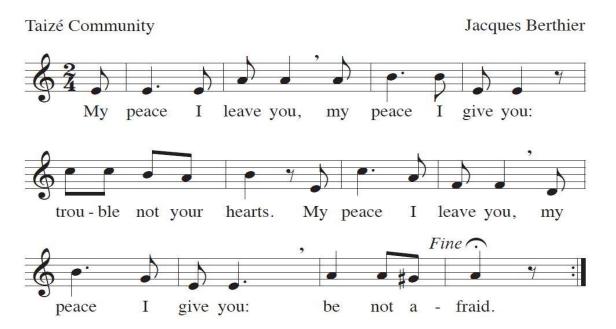
CHANTS DURING FOOT-WASHING

Within Our Darkest Night



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After the foot-washing is done, we will say the following litany:

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

THE PEACE

Greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

THE EUCHARIST



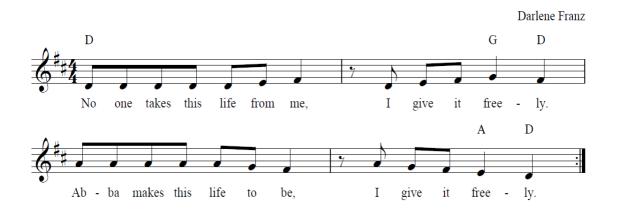
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We are invited to gather around the Altar for the celebration of the Eucharist.

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

When the Eucharist is finished, we will hear two scripture readings about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, interspersed with a chants.

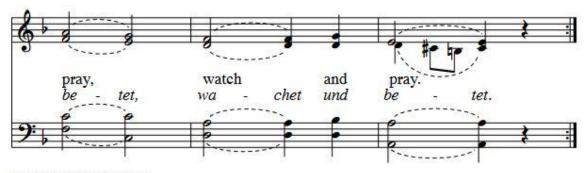
READING Matthew 26:36-41



READING Matthew 26:42-46

Stay With Me / Bleibet Hier





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THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

After the last chant, the Altar will be stripped in silence.

THE NIGHT WATCH

Following the stripping of the altar, anyone is welcome to stay in the sanctuary or the chapel for any length of time in a spirit of prayer and silence to remember Jesus' agony in the Garden. People are invited to pray as they can during the time. You may leave at any time after the last chant, or stay for silence and prayer.

Participants

Teresa Savel, reflection; The Reverend Mary Lindquist and the Reverend adwoa Wilson, celebrants; The Reverend Lars Hunter, Deacon; Ricky Davidson, lay assistant; Liz Vick and Annamarie Pluhar, acolytes; William Stearns and Laura Frey, readers; Caleb Webb, Michael Hightower, The Rev. Mary Lindquist, and The Rev. adwoa Wilson, footwashers; The Rev. Lars Hunter, handwasher; David Treadwell, footwashing assistants; Brian Morgan and Craig Hammond, ushers; Chris Hart and Joanne Patalano, Altar Guild; Belle Coles, bread baker.