

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE SERVICE

March 29, 2018

7:00 PM

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**Prelude**

**“Ah, Holy Jesus”**

*arr. Janet Linker*

Dr. Patty Nelson, organist

**Call To Worship and Invocation**

*Leader: The LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.*

**All: Our God and Father, we pray You would fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

*Habakkuk 2.20; Hebrews 12.2*

**Congregational Hymn No. 309 (stanzas 1 and 4)**

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**“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”**

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

*Leader: Let us remember Jesus, who, though rich, became poor and dwelt among us; who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled; who, as a teacher to his disciples, was their companion and servant.*

**All: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.**

*Leader: Let us remember Jesus, who humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death on the cross, who has redeemed us from sin's bondage, pollution and penalty;*

**All: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.**

*Leader: Let us remember Jesus, whom the Father raised from the dead and who has been exalted to the highest place to rule, reign and be worshipped as Lord and King.*

**All: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.**

**Scripture Lesson**

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**Message**

Rev. Jonathan Schwartz

## **The Sacrament of Communion**

### **Hymn of Communion**

#### **“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

**How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss - the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.**

**It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.**

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom. *(repeat)***

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Communion Prayer**

**All: We do not presume to come to this Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table.**

**But Thou art the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Through Christ we pray, AMEN.**

#### **Partaking of the Elements**

*(The congregation will remain in their seats as the elements are distributed and wait to partake each individual element together after all have been served.  
A gluten free option is available on each of the bread trays.)*

### **A Service of Darkness**

*(The Tenebrae Service is a solemn service using the progressive extinguishing of candles, ending in the darkening of the Sanctuary, to bring to mind the betrayal, abandonment, and agony Christ suffered to bring us salvation. In tonight’s service, the choir will lead us musically through the last moments of Jesus’ life as He hung on the cross, as a way of focusing our minds on the great suffering of Christ which brings us such a great gift.)*

## Seven Last Words

*Michael John Trotta*

Chancel Choir

- I. Father, forgive them,  
For they know, not what they do.

*And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) ESV*

- II. Today, you will be with me in paradise.  
Remember me,  
When you come into your kingdom,  
O Lord, hear me!  
Today you will be with me in paradise.

*And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him  
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:42-43) ESV*

- III. Behold your Son.  
At the cross her station keeping,  
Stood mournful mother weeping, weeping.  
Behold your son.

Kayla Harriot, soprano

*When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his  
mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!"  
And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. (John 19:26-27) ESV*

- IV. I thirst.  
If You are Christ,  
Come down from the cross,  
That we might see and believe.  
If you are King, save Yourself,  
That we might see and believe.

Jennings Gardner, baritone

*After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."  
(John 19:28), And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You  
who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of  
God, come down from the cross." (Matthew 27:39-40), "Let the Christ, the King of Israel,  
come down now from the cross that we may see and believe."  
Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. (Mark 15:32), ... saying,  
"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" (Luke 23:37) ESV*

V. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

*And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46) ESV*

VI. Into Your hands I surrender my whole soul.

Not mine, but Your will be done.

Into Your hands I surrender my whole soul.

*Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:46), Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10) ESV*

VII. And with a loud voice,

Jesus cried, exclaiming:

"It is finished!"

Darkened was the sun,

Darkness covered the earth:

Torn was the veil;

The earth did quake;

All the graves were opened wide!

"Truly this man was the Son of God."

Jennings Gardner, baritone

*When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30), It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. (Luke 23:44-45), And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. (Matthew 27:51-52, 54) ESV*

### **Silent Recessional**

*(At the conclusion of the final word, the Sanctuary will be darkened and the congregation is asked to remain in their places reflecting on what Jesus suffered on the cross for our sins. When the lights are turned on, the congregation is urged to leave the Sanctuary in silence, returning to worship the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday morning with hearts full of praise.)*

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*We wish to recognize with gratitude the fine work of our Chancel Choir and FPC music staff, including Dr. Aaron Rice, director and Dr. Patty Nelson and Mr. Kyle Coleman, accompanists, as well as the added gift of our orchestra who have all so richly blessed us tonight.*