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Gathering those who fear they are not enough,  
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

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## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. Historically, this was the traditional day in which those who had undergone a period of public penance under church discipline would be restored to full communion.*

*The name is taken from the first words sung at the ceremony of the washing of the feet, "I give you a new commandment" (John 13:34); also from the commandment of Christ that we should imitate his loving humility in the washing of the feet (John 13:14-17). The term *mandatum* (maundy), therefore, was applied to the rite of the foot washing on this day.*

*The opening service of the Triduum is not inherently mournful. The penitential acts of Maundy Thursday have celebratory aspects as well: restoration through the bold declaration of pardon; the act of foot washing connoting humility and intimacy; the celebration of the Lord's Supper embodying the mystery of Christ's enduring redemptive presence.*

## **WE GATHER**

Megan Klose

Leader: This is a day of remembrance for us. In the growing darkness we gather. Our Lenten journey brought us here. Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us: a towel, a bowl, bread, and a cup.

**People: Jesus gave us a new commandment, that we love one another, as he has loved us.**

Leader: This is how everyone will know we are his disciples, when we love each other.

**People: Obeying his commandment, we gather to break bread and share the cup of salvation sealed in his blood; proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.**

Leader: This is a day of remembrance for us. Let us worship the Lord.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Yena Hwang

Leader: Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak, but he is steadfast. Trusting in the unwavering love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us – you have loved us to the end.**

Leader: We have denied you,

**People: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.**

Leader: We have betrayed you,

**People: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.**

Leader: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

**People: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Yena Hwang

Leader: Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us greet each other as we share our meal.

*We will proceed with dinner at this point.  
When you are finished with your meal, please clear your place.*

## SCRIPTURE

John 13:2b-10, 12-15

Megan Klose

<sup>2b</sup> *And during supper* <sup>3</sup> *Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God,* <sup>4</sup> *got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.* <sup>5</sup> *Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.* <sup>6</sup> *He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"* <sup>7</sup> *Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."* <sup>8</sup> *Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."* <sup>9</sup> *Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"* <sup>10</sup> *Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you."*

<sup>12</sup> *After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"* <sup>13</sup> *You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.* <sup>14</sup> *So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.* <sup>15</sup> *For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.*

## WASHING OF HANDS

*On each table is a packet of wipes and a bowl.*

*You are invited to wash each other's hands with a wipe and put used wipes in the bowl.*

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Yena Hwang, Megan Klose

### Invitation to the Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father 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.**

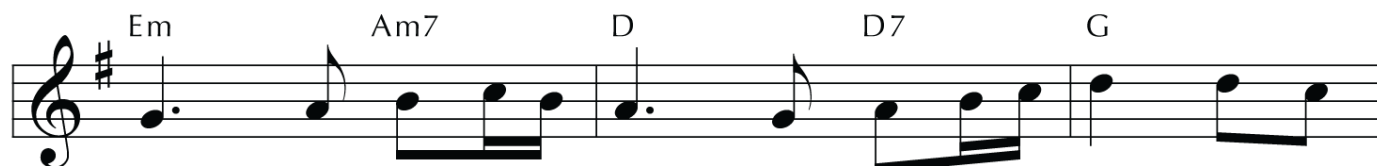
*Communion is served at table. Each table has a common loaf (gluten free), rice crackers, and a common cup of unfermented wine (juice). To serve each other, break a piece of bread off the loaf (or take a cracker) and offer it to your neighbor with the cup. To receive communion, take the bread (or cracker), and dip it in the cup, if you wish. Then serve your neighbor.*

# HYMN

## *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973, alt.

MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988

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Music Harm. © 1990 Hope Publishing Company

O WALY WALY

9.8.9.8

## SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

Yena Hwang

*<sup>31</sup>When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’*

*Our worship continues with a Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.*

## Tenebrae Service – A Service of Shadows

April 17, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary



*This service consists of scripture readings, music, and silence, accompanied by an advancing darkness that foretells the coming death of Jesus Christ. If you are watching from your home, we invite you to join in the service by lighting seven candles and extinguishing them along with those in the livestream service. Together, we will experience the deepening darkness as Jesus suffers and dies. The service will end in silence. There will be no benediction.*

### PRELUDE

*It is Well with my Soul*

Philip Bliss; arr. James Naigus (b. 1987)

Elliot Mihelic, horn

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Megan Klose

ONE: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

ALL: **We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings of the day Christ died.**

ONE: Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

ALL: **But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.**

ONE: From this day forward, we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

ALL: **God, into your hands we commend our spirits. Receive our worship as a sign of our gratitude and praise.**

## \* HYMN 215 (v. 1)

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!

TEXT: American folk hymn, c. 1811

MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1965  
Music Harm. © 1965 Abingdon Press (admin. The Copyright Company)

WONDROUS LOVE  
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## *The Service of Shadows*

### JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

Matthew 26:36-46

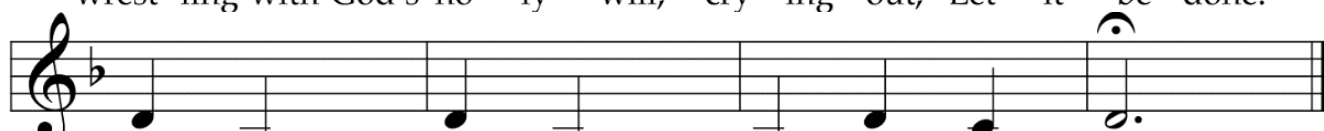
Angela Koon

**HYMN 207** (vv. 1-4)*Sharing Paschal Bread and Wine*

1 Shar - ing Pas-chal bread and wine as the day-light ebbs a - way,  
 2 In a grove of ol - ive trees un - der-neath a dark-ening sky,  
 3 In the gar - den, still and deep, those he asked to watch and pray,  
 4 Deep - er in the gar-den's chill, Je - sus kneels to pray a - lone,



friends at ta - ble join to dine. One of them will soon be - tray.  
 Je - sus warns as he fore - sees: Pe - ter al - so will de - ny.  
 heav - y - lid - ded, fall a - sleep, wea - ry from the anx-ious day.  
 wrest-ling with God's ho - ly will, cry - ing out, "Let it be done!"



Shad - ows length - en in - to night.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2006

MUSIC: Sally Ann Morris, 2006

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TENEBRAE

7.7.7.7 with refrain

**THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS**

Matthew 26:47-56

Mary Soule

**HYMN 218** (v. 1)

*Ah, Holy Jesus*



Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

TEXT: Johann Heermann, 1630; trans. Robert Seymour Bridges, 1899, alt.

MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1640

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

11.11.11.5

## JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

Matthew 26:57-68

Cassie Dowty

### HYMN 220 (v. 2)

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of  
life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!  
O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,  
shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

TEXT: James Montgomery, 1820, 1825, alt.  
MUSIC: Richard Redhead, 1853

REDHEAD 76  
7.7.7.7.7.7

## PETER DENIES JESUS

Matthew 26:69-75

Rex Campbell

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Wash Me Thoroughly*

David Halls (b. 1963)

*Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and forgive me all my sin.*

*For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.*

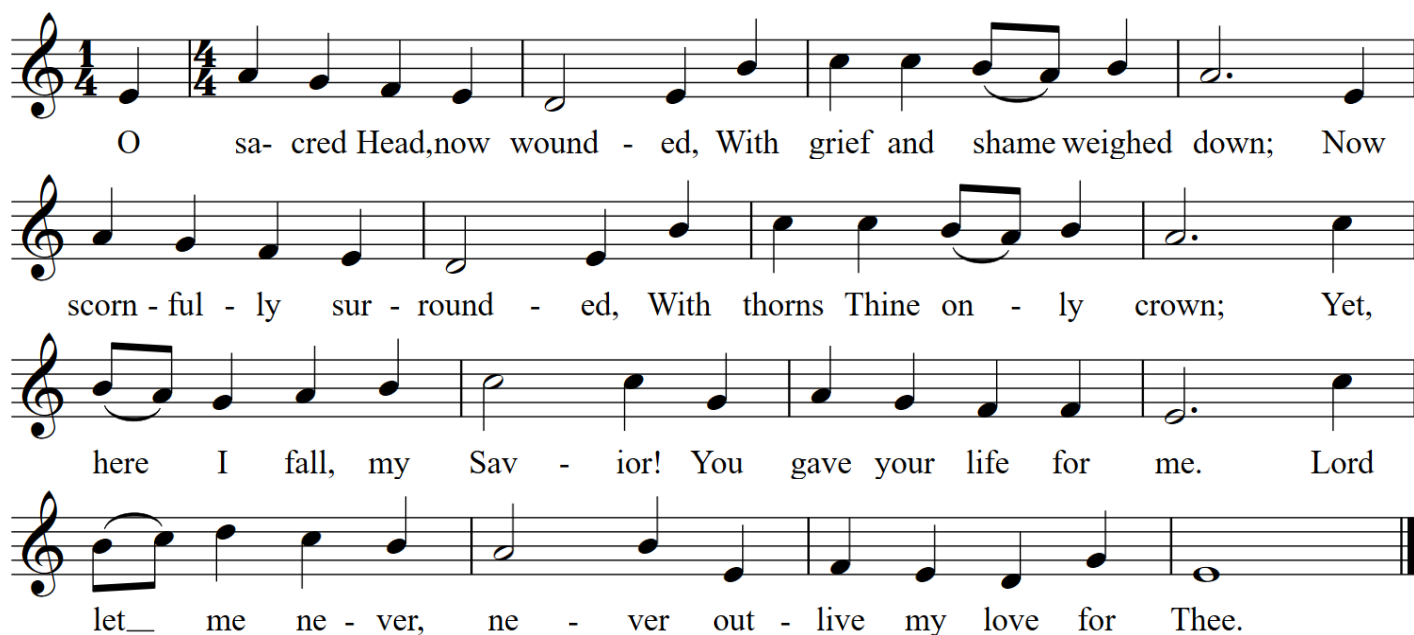
## JESUS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Matthew 27:1-26

Megan Klose

## HYMN 221 (v. 1)

## *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*



O sa- cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down; Now  
scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed, With thorns Thine on - ly crown; Yet,  
here I fall, my Sav - ior! You gave your life for me. Lord  
let me ne - ver, ne - ver out - live my love for Thee.

TEXT: Latin, 12th or 13th cent.; trans. James Waddell Alexander, 1830, alt.  
MUSIC: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

PASSION CHORALE  
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## THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Matthew 27:27-44

Gordon Storr

## THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Yena Hwang

*After each reproach, the congregation responds, "Lord have mercy."*

## RESPONSE

*The Crucifixion*

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Bailey Coleman, soprano

*At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan!  
Never shall lament cease because of that. It was like the parting of day from night.  
Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son,  
But sorer still to Him was the grief which for His sake came upon His Mother.*

## THE DEATH OF JESUS

Matthew 27:45-61

Sue Armstrong

## STRIPPING THE CHANCEL

Yena Hwang, Megan Klose

# HYMN 228

## Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you  
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you  
 4 Were you there when the sun re-fused to shine? (Were you  
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you



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O!

Some-times it caus - es me to



trem - ble,

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trem - ble. Were you



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 there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)  
 there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)  
 there when the sun re-fused to shine? (Were you there?)  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

## TOLLING THE BELL

*After the bell tolls 33 times for Jesus, you are invited to leave the sanctuary in silence.  
The darkness remains, but we wait in hope for the light of Easter Sunday morning.*

### ***Supporting Us in Worship***

Worship Leaders	Sue Armstrong, Rex Campbell, Cassie Dowty, Angela Koon, Harper Koon, Mary Soule, Gordon Storr
Music	Elliott Mihelic, Bailey Coleman, Chancel Choir
Audio/Video	Alexi Hawkins

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