

Order of Worship

Please enter humbly, worship deeply, and leave quietly this evening with your heart centered on Christ. You will observe a diminishment of light through the service in the pattern of Tenebrae worship. Tenebrae means shadows, and our worship will include an experience of some of the shadows that Christ endured.

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP "Ah, Holy Jesus" Mark C. Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Margaret Porter

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: NO. 206 "This Is the Night" MY NEIGHBOR
Please stand as the choir passes your pew.



1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,
3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,
5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,

(Em) (C) (G) (Am) (C) (Bsus) (B7)
Fm D^b A^b B^bm D^b Csus C7



when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
he who de - stroy's our slav - er - y to sin;
that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;

(G) (Dsus) (D) (Am) (Em) (Bm7)
A^b E^bsus E^b B^bm Fm Cm7



the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing:
this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,
let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row

(C) (Am7) (Em) (Am7) (Em) (Bm7) (Em)
D^b B^bm7 Fm B^bm7 Fm Cm7 Fm



where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.
and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.
that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.
to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mary Margaret Porter
Merciful God, tonight we come to you to confess our faults. Our spirits thirst for nourishment and meaning in life. We forget all that you have done for us. We fail at being servant-like for one another, humbling ourselves as Christ humbled himself. When tested, we too often deny, betray, and abandon you. And yet, you come to us to offer a second chance. Forgive our failures, our self-doubts, and open us to the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET John 13:1-14 Robert Galloway
Anthem "As in That Upper Room" Chappell

As in that upper room you left your seat and took a towel and chose a servant's part, so for today, Lord, wash again my feet, who in your mercy died to cleanse my heart. I bow before you, all my sin confessed, to hear again the words of love you said; and at your table, as your honored guest, I take and eat the true and living bread. So in remembrance of your life laid down, I come to praise you for your grace divine; saved by your cross, and subject to your crown, strengthened for service by this bread and wine.

THE NEW COMMANDMENT John 13:16-17, 31-35 Anna Dickson
Anthem "Ubi Caritas" Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex cordediligamus nos in cero. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God, and from a sincere heart, let us love one another.

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Mary Margaret Porter
Lorenzo Small, Sr.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(Prayer continues)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
Please come to receive communion by the center aisle. Take a communion kit from the basket, then return to your seat by the side aisle. Once in your seat, partake of the sacrament.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION "Ave Verum" Karl Jenkins
Lillian and Dave Quakenbush, duet

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine. Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. Jesu dulcis! Jesu pie, fili Mariae. Amen.

Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man, whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood; be for us a foretaste in the test of death. Sweet Jesus! Merciful Jesus, son of Mary. Amen.

PRAYER

JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

Mark 14: 32-42

Nan Clarke

Anthem

"Thy Will Be Done"

Craig Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave his life, and gave us hope, gave us himself. "My father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done." In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane pleading with the father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. "My father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done." Then they took our savior and led him to a tree; and there they broke his body, poured out his life, put him to death to rise again! "My father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. Thy will be done."

JESUS IS ARRESTED

Mark 14: 43-50

William Harris

Anthem

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. John Ferguson

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus. 'Twas I.

JESUS IS TRIED AND PETER DENIES JESUS

Jean Mooney

Mark 14:53-72

Anthem

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE

Mark 15: 1-15

Van Gambrell

Anthem

"It Is a Thing Most Wonderful"

Philip Moore

Anne Lafferty and Kelly Potts, soloists

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heav'n, and die to save a child like me. And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot, and wept and mourned and toiled and died for love of those who love him not. I sometimes think about the cross, and shut my eyes and try to see the cruel nails and crown of thorns, and Jesus crucified for me. But even could I see him die, I could but see a little part of that great love which like a fire, is always burning in his heart. And yet I want to love thee, Lord; o light a flame within my heart, that I may love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art. It is a thing most wonderful.

THE CRUCIFIXION AND DEATH OF JESUS

Scott Wallace

Mark 15: 22-25, 33-39

Music

"He Never Said a Mumblin' Word"

arr. Moses Hogan

Loretta Giles, soloist

Wasn't it a pity and a shame? And he never said a mumblin' word. They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumblin' word. His blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumblin' word. He bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumblin' word.

THE BURIAL OF JESUS

John 19:25-30

Lorenzo Small, Sr.

THE TOMB IS CLOSED

Music

"Were You There"

Scott Bryan, soloist

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Please depart in silence.

Easter Morning at First Presbyterian Church

Worship continues Sunday morning at 7 a.m. at Romare Bearden Park and at 11 a.m. in Wood Fellowship Hall.

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Maundy Thursday

APRIL 14 | 7:30 PM TENEBRAE SERVICE