# Maundy Thursday with Tenebrae

March 28, 2024

We meet on this night to remember Christ's gathering of his disciples in an upper room for a special meal before moving toward the events culminating in the crucifixion. It was on this occasion that Jesus took bread and wine and identified them with himself as a means for remembering him always. In this service we will be drawn back in time to recall and experience the significance of that night in the light of our present knowledge of the risen Christ.

First, we will recall Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper and partake of it. Then we will remember the events that transpired leading to Christ's betrayal, denial, and death. The distinguishing feature of the service is the extinguishing of lighted candles, signifying the flight of the disciples, the approach of the enemies, and the suffering of Jesus. Called the Office of Tenebrae (Shadows), this service dates back to the fourth century. When only the Christ candle remains, it will be removed as a symbol of the days Christ was in the tomb. After a period of complete darkness, the Christ candle will be returned to the chancel in anticipation of the resurrection.

Organ Prelude O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

Call to Worship – from Hebrews 4

Alex Lockridge

+Hymn O Come to Me, the Master Said KINGSFOLD

please see insert

+Invocation Jeremiah Banks

+The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+The Peace Carolyn Garr

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

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you."

"Love one another, as I have loved you."

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Reconciled by Christ's love, let us offer one another signs of peace and reconciliation.

## The Fellowship of the Upper Room

#### Anthem

## Jesus Took the Cup

setting by Hap Hopson

Jesus took the bread, he took the bread and blessed it, then gave it to his disciples, He gave it to them saying: "Take and eat this bread. This bread is my own body. Do this and remember, remember me and eat."

Jesus took the cup, he took the cup, gave thanks, then gave it to his disciples, He gave it to them saying: "Take and drink this cup. This cup is my own blood. Do this and remember, remember me and drink."

Thanks to God forever.

- from I Corinthians 11

### The Great Thanksgiving

Jeremiah Banks & Alex Lockridge

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

Give us strength to serve You faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with You at Your table in glory.

Amen.

# Breaking the Bread; Lifting the Cup

## The Communion of the People

Please come to the table as you feel led.

music during communion:

A Communion Medley

arr. by G.C. Sikes

## **Prayer after Communion**

Jeremiah Banks

God of grace, Your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love, show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

### The Passion of Our Lord

First Reading Alex Lockridge

Jesus predicts his betrayal

Second Reading Jeremiah Banks

Peter swears allegiance

Third Reading Alice Tremaine

The disciples fall asleep

Hymn 'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow OLIVE'S BROW

please see insert

Fourth Reading Jeremiah Banks

Judas betrays Jesus

Fifth Reading Alice Tremaine

Jesus is brought before Caiaphas

Sixth Reading Alex Lockridge

Peter denies Jesus

+Hymn 186 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

stanzas 1, 3, & 4

Seventh Reading Alice Tremaine

Jesus is delivered to Pontius Pilate

Eighth Reading Jeremiah Banks

Barabbas is released

Ninth Reading Alex Lockridge

The soldiers mock Jesus

Anthem He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word setting by Hal Hopson

They crucified my Lord; and he never said a mumbalin' word.

They nailed him to the tree; and he never said a mumbalin' word.

He bowed his head and died; and he never said a mumbalin' word.

- African-American spiritual

Tenth Reading Alice Tremaine

Jesus is crucified

**Eleventh Reading** 

The death of Jesus

Alex Lockridge

Twelfth Reading

Jeremiah Banks

The tomb is sealed

Spiritual

Were You There?

WERE YOU THERE

- Were you there when they crucified my Lord? ...
   Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble ...
- 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? ... Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble ...
- 3. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? ...
  Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble ...
- 4. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
  Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble ...

The Discipline of Silence

Song of the Suffering Servant – from Isaiah 53

Alex Lockridge

Tolling of the Bell

The bell will toll seven times, the biblical number for completion, recalling Jesus' words, "It is finished."

please depart in quietness

+those who are able may stand

Donna Davis, Accompanist Jefferson and Lincoln Calico, acolytes Nick Hibbard, Troy Mock, and Levi Petrey, technical assistance

#### GOOD \$\phi FRIDAY

Please join us here tomorrow for the Community Good Friday Service. Lunch will be served from 11:30 until noon; the service will begin at 12:15 p.m. An offering will be received that will benefit the Southeastern Kentucky Ministerial Alliance.

#### EASTER SUNDAY

The Celebration of Resurrection – 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
To help us more fully celebrate resurrection, we will ring bells each time the word *Alleluia* is said or sung. Please bring a bell to worship so that you may add to our Easter joy.