

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

Northampton Presbyterian Church

*Communion and  
Tenebrae Service  
April 14, 2022  
7:30 PM*



# PRELUDE

## RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The gathering of the dark

**MANY: The breaking of the bread**

ONE: The pouring of the wine

**MANY: The telling of the story**

ONE: The preparing of the lies

**MANY: The beating of the heart**

ONE: The making of the covenant

**MANY: The turning towards the cross**



ONE: The rumors of death

**MANY: The whisper of night**

ONE: The shimmer of grace

**MANY: The snap of twigs**

ONE: The flash of eyes

**MANY: The moment of turning**

ONE: And the kiss

## **HYMN**

*What Wondrous Love Is This?*

*WONDROUS LOVE*

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss**

**To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,**

**To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**



**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**THE PRAYER**

**THE OFFERING**

**THE COMMUNION**

*The Invitation*

*The Words of Institution*

*The Distribution of the Elements*



# **THE TENEBRAE**

*The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit*

## **READING**

*Luke 22:39-46*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

## **RESPONSE - HYMN**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

*REDHEAD 76*

**Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from his griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**



**Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall!  
O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
Learn of him to bear the cross.**

*The Shadow of Arrest*

**READING**

*John 18:1-8*

Joan Chak

**RESPONSE - HYMN**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

*HERZLIEBSTER JESU*



**Ah, holy Jesus,  
How hast thou offended,  
That we to judge thee  
Have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided,  
By thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!**

**Who was the guilty?**

**Who brought this upon thee?**

**Alas, my treason,**

**Jesus, hath undone thee!**

**'Twas I, Lord Jesus,**

**I it was denied thee;**

**I crucified thee.**



**For me, kind Jesus,  
Was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow,  
And thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish  
And thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.**

*The Shadow of Denial*

**READING**

*Matthew 26:69-75, 27:1-5*

Barbara Erdmanis

**RESPONSE**

*The Courtyard Scene*

*by Ann Weems*



PASTOR JUDY: Over and over again, we sit in our courtyards, our mouths speaking what our hearts are full of...

**ALL: WE DO NOT KNOW HIM.**

**DO NOT... DO NOT... DO NOT...**

**KNOW HIM... KNOW HIM... KNOW HIM...**

PASTOR JUDY: Echoes loudly, emphatically, filling time and space, Heaven and earth; and yet the saddest part is when the cock crows we don't have the ears to hear...

**ALL: TO HEAR... TO HEAR... TO HEAR...**

PASTOR JUDY: At least Peter had the ears to hear and the heart to weep.

*The Shadow of Accusation*

**READING**

*Mark 15:1-15*

Steve Cocchia

**RESPONSE - HYMN**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

*PASSION CHORALE*



**O sacred head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, thine only crown!  
O sacred head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.**

**What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain.  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place.  
Look on me with thy favor,  
And grant to me thy grace.**



*The Shadow of Mockery*

**READING**

*Matthew 27:27-31*

Cathy Cocchia

**RESPONSE – SPECIAL MUSIC** (*Kevin Kauermann*)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ARR. HAL HOPSON

*The Shadow of Crucifixion*

**READING**

*Matthew 27:32-44*

Liz Kauermann

**RESPONSE – HYMN**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*ST. CHRISTOPHER*



**Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
And the burden of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
Two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of redeeming love  
And my unworthiness.**



*The Shadow of Death*

**READING**

*Luke 23:44-49*

Jessica Stehr

**RESPONSE – HYMN**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*HAMBURG*

**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.**



**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.**

*The Shadow of Burial*

**READING**

*Mark 15:42-46*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

**RESPONSE – SOLO** (*Aimee O'Neill*)

*Were You There?*

*WERE YOU THERE*



# THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

ONE: May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

**MANY:** Amen.

*The Stripping of the Church*

# THE SILENT RECESSIONAL

The people leave in silence.

## WORSHIP NOTES:

The **Call to Worship** was written by Roddy Hamilton and posted on Mucky Paws.

<http://www.nkchurch.org.uk/index.php/mucky-paws>.

The **Opening Prayer** is written by Thomas Turner and posted on everyday liturgy.

<http://everydayliturgy.com>

The *Courtyard Scene* is a poem written by Ann Weems and published in her book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem* (p. 80). Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, 1986.

The **Invitation to Communion** is written by Ann Siddall, and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community website. <http://stillpointsa.org.au/prayer/prayers-and-liturgies>

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