

MAUNDY THURSDAY

COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 1, 2021

7:00 PM

Prelude

“When I Survey”

arr. David Leeman

Ms. Grace Garnet, piano

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 (stanzas 1 and 4)

HYFRYDOL

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

*I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free.*

(refrain)

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt, and made me free.*

*I will sing of my Redeemer
And His heavenly love to me;
He from death to life hath bro't me,
Son of God with Him to be.*

(refrain)

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

Colossians 3:5-11

Message

Reverend Ken Chivers

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Hymn of Communion (stanzas 1, 3 and 4)

HAMBURG

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*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.*

*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!*

Communion Prayer

Leader: My brothers and sisters, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of his Spirit.

All: Most merciful God,

We your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us,

Where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him.

Forgive us, we pray, and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,

and he continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Yuman Lee, 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."

Yuman Lee, 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.)