

WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021

Tenebrae in the Courtyard

Prelude

Matthew Roy

Welcome and Invocation

Tom Haugen

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

People: On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

Leader: On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

People: On this day, Christ broke bread for his disciples, telling them to eat.

Leader: On this day, Christ poured out wine, telling them to drink of the cup of new life.

All: On this day, Christ gave his whole self, that we too might follow and find abundant life.

*Hymn Of Praise

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Deborah Bertling

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| 1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns Thine only crown:
How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn,
How does that visage languish,
Which one was bright as morn! | 2. What Thou, my Lord, has 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 my with Thy favor,
Assist me with Thy grace. |
| 3. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever,
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee. | |

Prayer of Confession Unison

Lord God, we confess we are responsible for the grief and shame you experienced on that night so long ago. It was our sins you took upon yourself with such love and compassion. Forgive us for those sins, for the things and words that we have done and said that we should have left undone and unsaid. Forgive us for those things and words we have neglected to do and say which should have been done and said. There are no words great enough to adequately thank you for your unending grace and mercy, but our hearts are filled with gratitude and humble awe before your infinite love. May that ever be so, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:9-10

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

***Hymn of Response**

What Wondrous Love Is This

1. 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?

2. 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.

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on,
 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
 And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
 And through eternity I’ll sing on.

Celebration of Communion

We will eat the bread and drink the cup together as we remember Christ’s death and resurrection and our common union in Christ. If you didn’t receive an individual prepackaged communion kit, the kits are available at the table near the entrance to Church in the Courtyard.

Music of Reflection

The Day He Wore My Crown

***Tenebrae—A Service of Shadows**

Shadow of Prediction	Matthew 26:20-25
Shadow of the Last Supper	Matthew 26:26-30

Taizé Refrain – Stay with Me

**Stay with Me, Remain here with Me
 Watch and pray, watch and pray
 Stay with Me, Remain here with Me
 Watch and pray, watch and pray**

Shadow of Vanity	Matthew 26:31-35
Shadow of Gethsemane	Mark 14:32-42

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Darkness of Betrayal

Mark 14:43-50

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Watch and pray, watch and pray**

Darkness of Denial
Darkness of Rejection

Luke 22:54-62
Matthew 26:59-68

Taizé Refrain – O Lord, Hear My Prayer

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer
When I call, answer me
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer
When I call, answer me
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.**

Darkness of Injustice
Darkness of Abuse

Mark 15:1-15
Mark 15:16-20

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Darkness of the Crucifixion

Mark 15:22-32

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Stay with Me, Remain here with Me
Watch and pray, watch and pray**

Blackness of Suffering

Luke 23:36-45

Time of Silence

Musical Meditation and Reflection

Were You There?

Please leave this time of worship in quiet reflection on the suffering and death of our Savior and join us on Easter morning as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Easter Celebration

April 4, 2021

**8:00AM and 10:00AM Easter Worship in the Courtyard
at El Montecito Presbyterian Church and Online.**

***The word “Tenebrae” means darkness or shadows.**

The Tenebrae service grew out of a practice of night and early morning prayers during the Third Century. The Gospel readings are based on the events of Holy Week. In the Middle Ages, they were read on Good Friday by monastic choirs.

The service was later taken up by American Protestant churches during America’s colonial days and evangelical groups have again celebrated the service since the 1950’s.

The extinguishing of the candles represents the abandonment by the Apostles and other followers of Jesus and the increasing darkness of His suffering. The central candle represents Christ.

The dramatic high point of the service, representing the turning point of all history, occurs when the Christ candle is extinguished, representing the sacrificial death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The congregation exits in darkness and silence to await the celebration of Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday.