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Maundy Thursday A Service of Shadows

April 17, 2025 7:00 PM

We extend a welcome to all who are with us tonight. We gather to remember the events of Jesus' last Passover meal with his disciples and to meet at Christ's table.

Bringing the Light - Symbolic of God's Presence

*Hymn # 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Call to Worship

Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

I am here.

Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

I am here.

Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

I am here.

Men and women of Jerusalem, enslaved to mob rule, where are you?

We are here.

Pilate, slave of expediency, where are you?

I am here.

The story of Christ's betrayal mirrors our own weakness. We come as those betrayed by our needs and fears. Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

O God, we are not worthy of your love. We are not faithful in following you. We desert you, we flee, we betray, we deny you. Forgive and renew us, we pray, that the world may see your reign at hand. Amen.

God's love is not at all diminished at the cross. God reaches out to draw us close. In Jesus Christ, our lives have been redeemed. Friends, hear and believe the good news:

God's love never ends.

Moments for Silent Meditation

Hymn # 727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Scripture: Ancient Order of Tenebrae

The shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25

Jeanette Abramo, Reader

The Shadow of Impending Faithlessness Matthew 26:31-35

Carol Fleshood, Reader

The Shadow of His Agony Matthew 26:36-41

Tony DeSimone, Reader

The Shadow of Unshared Vigil Matthew 26:42-45

Kelly DeSimone, Reader

The Shadow of Arrest Matthew 26:47-50

Bill Wheeler, Reader

The Shadow of Desertion Mark 14:48-50

Arlene Wheeler, Reader

The Shadow of Denial Luke 22:54-62

Jill Lyon, Reader

The Shadow of the Cross Mark 15:16-27

Brian King, Reader

Sacrament of Holy Communion by Intinction

Music for Meditation

*Hymn # 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

*The Christ Candle Is Extinguished

We Leave in Silence

The Christ Candle taken out at the end of service, leaving sanctuary in darkness.

Then it is brought back in Easter morning.



JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY AT 8:45 — 9:45 AM FOR BREAKFAST THEN AT 10AM AS WE CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST.