

A SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE
ORDER OF WORSHIP
ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Michael Burkhardt

GREETING

Come, you with dirty feet, aching backs, and weary souls.

We come bearing a heavy load of worry, frustration, and isolation.

Come, you who are hungry, thirsty, longing to meet the one who will feed you, body and soul.

We come with emptiness in our stomachs and our hearts, desperate to be filled.

Come to meet Jesus who kneels to wash our dirt and grime, who feeds us with bread and with love that never ends.

We come to receive the balm for our anxiety, the provision for our hunger, the antidote for our loneliness.

Come to receive a new commandment: love one another as Christ has loved you.

We come to embrace this new commandment so that everyone will know we are disciples of Jesus Christ, God Incarnate who came to live and love among us. Amen.

HYMN #298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HOLY COMMUNION

THE APOSTLES' CREED #881

THE GLORIA #70

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

We confess that we have failed to love as you teach us to love.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors.

We shy away from those who are hurting.

We meet the suffering of others with trite answers to distance ourselves from their pain.

We neglect creation, taking advantage of the earth's

resources without caring for it in return.

We fail to love ourselves as you love us, tending our own pain and distress by numbing our feelings instead of drawing close to you, the source of our well-being.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us to joyfully follow you into a life of love and service,

building a world in which all creation can flourish. Amen.

Receive this good news:

Jesus who comes to us, washes our feet,

and invites us to sit at the table,

is the source of our salvation,

saving us from our sins

and reconciling us to God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The pastor gives thanks and remembers God's acts of salvation, and concludes): ... and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.) The pastor concludes: ... and so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

(The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding): ... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895
BREAKING THE BREAD
GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
HYMN #297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

(The readings can be found in the pew Bibles, pp. 48-51)

READING #1 (Char Holbrook)

Mark 14: 1-2

READING #2 (John McColskey)

Mark 14: 3-11

READING #3 (Marcus Dodson)

Mark 14: 12-25

READING #4 (Stephanie Taylor)

Mark 14: 26-42

READING #5 (John Holbrook)

Mark 14: 43-52

READING #6 (Carole Guffey)

Mark 14: 53-65

READING #7 (Scott Walter)

Mark 14: 66-72

READING #8 (Betsy McColskey)

Mark 15: 1-5

READING #9 (John Lefler)

Mark 15: 6-15

READING #11 (Scott Walter)

Mark 15: 16-32

READING #11 (Carole Guffey)

Mark 15: 33-41

READING #12 (Matt Grommesh)

Mark 15: 42-47

HYMN 288

Were You There

STRIPPING THE ALTAR

DISMISSAL

Please observe a time of silence as you leave worship. Reflect in the next days upon the events of the Passion of Jesus and return on Sunday for Easter Worship.



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