

THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

The Word of Forgiveness
The Word of Salvation
The Word of Affection
The Word of Suffering
The Word of Despair
The Word of Completion
The Word of Contentment

A TIME OF SILENCE

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL IN SILENCE



WELCOME

We welcome all who have come to worship with us on this Maundy Thursday of Holy Week. Tonight we will have opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper, have the story of the last hours in the passion of Christ retold from Scripture, and remember the words of Jesus from the cross as the service ends in darkness. A somber, dark, yet beautiful service of worship, Maundy Thursday reminds us of the great sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf before we gather in joyful celebration on Easter morning.

As we come to the front to receive the elements of the Lord's Supper, offering gifts to the church are to be placed in the brass offering plate while gifts for hunger ministry are to be placed in the wooden manger. A nursery for preschoolers is provided during tonight's service in Building B. We appreciate your waiting to begin conversations after the service until you have left the sanctuary and foyer.

We are grateful to our music staff and choirs for their hard work preparing for tonight's service; and we are grateful to Janet Fox and the Purple Worship team for the decorating of the Sanctuary and preparing for worship throughout this Lenten Season.

We hope you have made plans to join us to celebrate Easter this Sunday morning. Tickets have been distributed for the Easter services in the Sanctuary that will begin at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Zebulon Baptist Church

April 1, 2021

7:30 PM

PRELUDE — “What Wondrous Love Is This” arr. Raney

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP I Corinthians 2:7-8

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS

COMMUNION HYMN—“As He Gathered at His Table” Richardson

As He gathered at His table those who longed to know the way,

Christ proclaimed a holy mystery; still His words call us today.

As He took the towel and basin, not as master, but as friend,

Christ portrayed the way of service; still in serving we must bend.

As He blessed the bread and broke it, human need to satisfy,

Christ made even traitors welcome; still we question, “Is it I?”

As He took the cup and shared it, telling of the Father’s care,

Christ poured out Himself in promise; still that cov’nant we must share.

As they sang a hymn together, praising Israel’s saving Son,

And they went into the garden, still we pray, “Thy will be done.”

Though this feast be one of symbols, what we celebrate is real;

Still Christ welcomes to His table; still Christ serves us at His meal.

THE INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

GREETINGS AND EXCHANGE OF CHRIST’S PEACE

OUR LENTEN CHORUS - “What Beauty and What Mystery”

What beauty and what mystery, that You, O Christ, would die for me!

What meekness and what majesty, in Your divine humanity.

SOLO— “Remember” Laura Story

Sheri Hester

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Prayer of Blessing

Invitation to Communion

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

A RESPONSIVE LITANY

Leader: Tonight we are here to receive and accept Christ’s new commandment,

People: That we love one another, as Christ has loved us.

Leader: The life of Jesus is our example; the footsteps of Christ reveal our path.

People: We are called to care for one another; in a community that knows no exceptions.

Leader: Jesus calls us to demonstrate our discipleship by showing God’s grace to the world.

People: With love that embraces both the unlovely and the unloved, bringing wholeness to lives that are broken.

Leader: We are called to bring comfort to the grieving and good news to all who are seeking.

People: What a privilege it is to follow the new commandment the Lord gives us this night!

Leader: We confess that we have often failed to live up to and live out our calling to love.

People: We pray tonight, Christ have mercy, Lord forgive us.

Unison: Praise God who on this night brought salvation to the world.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 7:1-10

Leader: This is the Gospel according to Luke.

People: Praise to You, Lord Christ!

Leader: Let us proclaim together the mystery of our faith.

Unison: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again! This is the mystery of faith that we proclaim.

SERMON— “Only Say the Word”

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

“When Hope Falls Silent” arr. McDonald

The Sanctuary Choir

The Shadow of an Unshared Vigil Luke 22:39-46

“We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray” Larson

The Sanctuary Choir

The Shadow of Betrayal Luke 22:47-53

“Beneath His Cross She Watches” Beall/Carter

The Sanctuary Choir

The Shadow of Denial Luke 22:54-62

“Ah, Holy Jesus” Wagner

The Adult Handbell Choir

The Shadow of Accusation Luke 22:63-71

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. Larson

The Youth Handbell Choir

The Shadow of Trial Luke 23:13-25

“On the Cross” Larson

The Sanctuary Choir

The Shadow of Weeping Luke 23:26-31

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” Gerhardt-Hassler

The Sanctuary Choir

The Shadow of Suffering Luke 23:32-33