

**Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae with Holy Communion**

**Reverend Thomas Q. Strandburg**

**Prelude** A lamb goes uncomplaining forth *Gerhard Krapf*

**The Lighting of the Candles**

The Light of the World John 1:1-5

The Call of the Disciples Luke 6:12-16

**\*Hymnal 327** Crown him with many crowns *Diademata*

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm

of the Lord been revealed?

**People: For he grew up before God like a young plant, and like a root out**

**of dry ground.**

Pastor: He had no form or comeliness that we should look at him.

**People: And no beauty that we should desire him.**

Pastor: He was despised and rejected.

**People: A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;**

Pastor: And as one from whom others hide their faces, he was despised,   
 and we esteemed him not.

**People: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows …**

**Prayer for Pardon** (in unison)Psalm 51

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me.**

**Offering**

**The Lord’s Supper**

Invitation

Words of Institution

Silent Communion

**\*Hymnal 297** Beneath the cross of Jesus *St. Christopher*

*\*please rise in body or spirit*

**The Service of Tenebrae**

The Darkness of Betrayal Matthew 26:17-25Stacey Rosleck

The Darkness of Spiritual Agony Matthew 26:36-46Bob Murray

**Anthem** Watch with Me *Jane Griner, text*

*Daniel E. Gawthrop, music*

Tarry here and watch with me. Blood and body proffered now

to sanctify the paschal lamb.

From warmth and comfort driven now to that most bitter cup.

And as He pled, we slept.

Tarry here and watch with me. Bowed by sin yet unredeemed

in sorrow even unto death,

Thy will, not mine, be done this night. In agony He prayed.

And as He bled, we slept.

Tarry here and watch with me. Friends, a stone's throw distance kept;

succor sought, by angels given.

A kiss, betrayal, and a cross; The hour is at hand.

And as it fled, we slept.

The Darkness of Desertion Matthew 26:47-56Nathan Jara

The Darkness of Denial

Matthew 26:69-75Rylee Siegert

**\*Hymnal 288** Were you there *Were You There*

The Darkness of Injustice Luke 23:13-25Jane Casey

The Darkness of the Cross John 19:17-22Scott Miller

**Handbell Anthem** He never said a mumbalin' word Chapel Bells

*African*-*American Spiritual*,

*arranged by Arnold Sherman*

1. They crucified my Lord, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

2. They nail him to a tree, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

3. They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

4. The blood came trickalin' down, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

5. He bowed his head and died, and he never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

The Darkness of Death Matthew 27:45-54James Lutz

The Light of the World John 1:1-5

**Benediction**

**The flowers in the Chancel** are given by Sara Mercer in loving memory of her sister,

Ellen Mercer

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Kay McAninch in memory of Clarence McAninch.

**Special music** is provided by the Chapel Bells, directed by Nancy R. Lutz, and the Chancel Choir, directed by Ryan A. Keeling.

**This evening's offering** will be directed to the Family Fund, assisting members of our congregation experiencing financial difficulties in a confidential manner.

**Acolytes** Max Siegert and Johnny Manning

The word **maundy** comes from the Latin word ***mandatum***, meaning **command**. Its usage for Maundy Thursday refers to the foot-washing ceremony at the Last Supper, when Jesus gave the commandment to “love one another.”

**Good Friday Community Worship Service** will be held in the sanctuary from **noon to 1 p.m.** **tomorrow, March 25**. Clergy, lay readers and musicians from churches of the community will participate.

**Easter Sunday Services** will be held at **8:30 and 10:45 am** in the sanctuary.