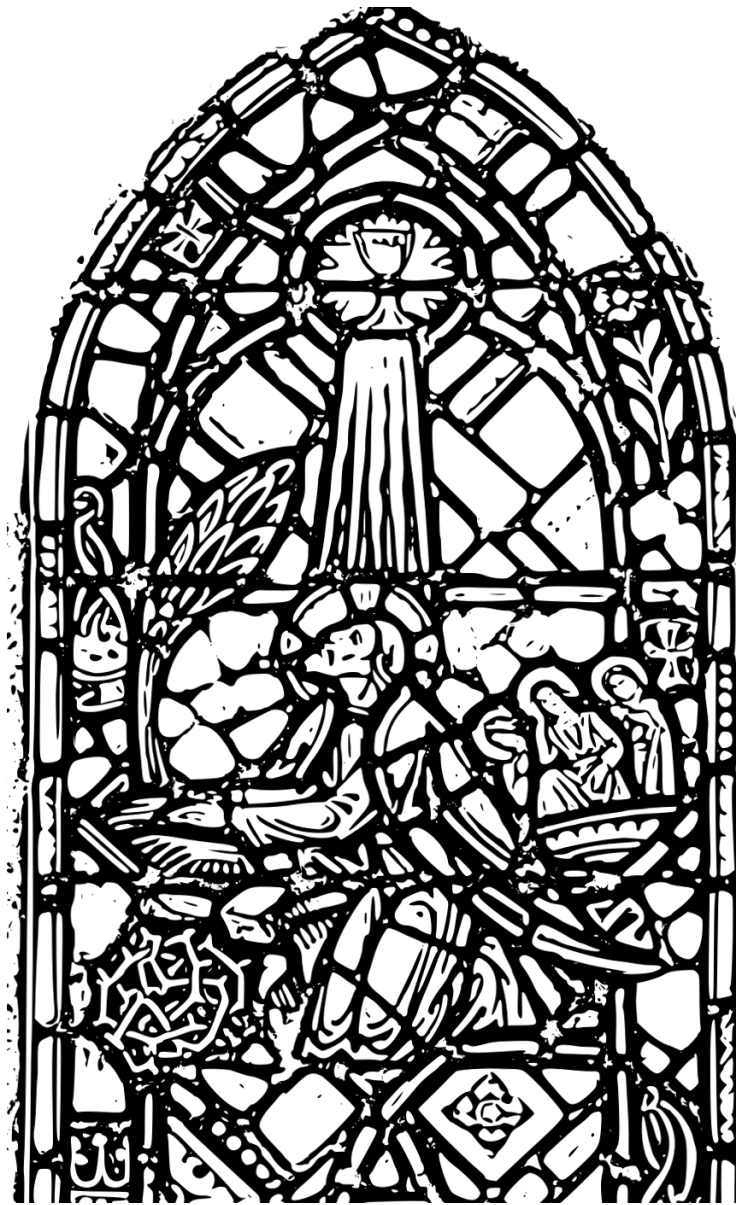


MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Celebration of the Lord's Supper & A Service of Tenebrae for
Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 7:30 PM

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LITURGY OF WORD & TABLE

**Indicates an invitation to stand in spirit or posture, as able.*

***Introit**

God so Loved the World

John Goss (1800-1880)

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

JN. 3:16-17

***Silent Procession with Scripture**

As the altar party processes to the sanctuary, the following scripture is read.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JN. 1:1-5

***The Lighting of the Candles**

THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES

LK. 6:12-16

***Opening Hymn**

"Take up thy cross"

UMH 415

***Responsive Reading from Scripture**

PS. 51, excerpted

℣ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *

℞ **in your great compassion, blot out my offenses.**

℣ Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

℞ **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

℣ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

℞ **And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.**

℣ Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *

℞ **wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

- ✠ Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ✠ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- ✠ Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- ✠ **Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**
- ✠ Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
- ✠ **Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
- ✠ Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
- ✠ **The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Litany of Penitence

after the Book of Common Prayer

*The portions in **bold type** are said by all. During the litany, the people bow or kneel, in posture or spirit.*

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our self indulgent appetites and ways,

and our exploitation of other people,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
And our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments,
for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Kyrie Eleison (*Sung by the choir*)

Setting: George Oldroyd (1886-1956)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The pastor then pronounces the following assurance of pardon:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desires not the death of sinners,
but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live,
has given power and commandment to his ministers
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the absolution and remission of their sins.

God pardons and absolves all those who truly repent,
and with sincere hearts believe in the holy Gospel.

Therefore we pray God to grant us true repentance and the presence of the Holy Spirit,
that those things may please him which we do on this day,
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy,
so that at the last we may come to the eternal joy of the saints in light;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***The Sign of Peace**

In accordance with the scriptural command to be kindly affectioned toward one another and to live peaceably with all, please exchange a brief and quiet sign of God's reconciling love with those in your immediate vicinity, bearing in mind the solemn character of the occasion for which we are gathered.

Anthem

Laudate Dominum

Johann Baptist Schiedermayr (1778-1840)

Ms. Williams, soloist

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes; laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.


For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Ps. 117


As the choir sings the anthem, an offering to benefit the pastor's discretionary fund will be collected.

Proper Hymn before the Lord's Supper: "Where true charity and love dwell, God himself is there"


Antiphon




Where true char - i - ty and love dwell, God him-self is there.




1 Since the love of Christ has joined us in one bo - dy,
2 As we are all of one bo - dy, when we gath - er
3 Now we pray that with the bless - ed you grant us grace



let us all re - joice and be glad now and al - ways.
let no dis - cord or en - mi - ty break our one - ness.
to see your ex - alt - ed glo - ry, O Christ our God,



And as we hear and love our Lord, the liv - ing God,
May all our pet - ty jeal - ous - ies and ha - tred cease
our bound-less source of joy and truth, of peace and love,



so let us in sin - cer - i - ty love all peo - ple. [Ant.]
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days. [Ant.]
for ev - er and for ev - er - more, world with - out end. [Ant.]

Words: Latin; tr. Joyce MacDonald Glover (b. 1923)
Music: *Ubi caritas*, plainsong, Mode 6

Following the singing of the hymn, the sacrament is celebrated according to the following order:

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Institution

Communion Sentence: "The Sacrifices of God" (Setting: J. Clokey)

The people come forward to commune as the choir sings.

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Anthem

Soul of Christ

Philip W.J. Stopford (b.1977)

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Today, you shall be with me in paradise.
Blood of Christ, refresh me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Today, you shall be with me in paradise.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your Wounds hide me.
Let me never be separated from you. From the darkness, defend me. Today, you shall be with me in paradise.
In the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you, that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever.
Today, you shall be with me in paradise. Amen.*

The First Reading

THE DARKNESS OF BETRAYAL

Mt. 26:17-26

***Hymn**

"Ah! Holy Jesus"

UMH 289

The Second Reading

THE DARKNESS OF SPIRITUAL AGONY

Mt. 26:36-46

Anthem

Watch With Me

Daniel Gawthrop (b.1949)

*'Tarry here and watch with me':
Blood and body proffered now
to sanctify the paschal lamb.
From warmth and comfort driven now
to that 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 Third Reading

THE DARKNESS OF DESERTION

Mt. 26:47-56

Anthem

Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray

H.T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Ms. Williams, soloist

*An' I couldn't hear nobody pray, an' I couldn't hear nobody pray
O! way down yonder by myself, an' I couldn't hear nobody pray.
In the valley, I couldn't hear nobody pray; on my knees, I couldn't hear nobody pray,
With my burden, I couldn't hear nobody pray, and my Savior, I couldn't hear nobody pray. O Lord!
Chilly waters, I couldn't hear nobody pray; in the Jordan, I couldn't hear nobody pray,
Crossing over, I couldn't hear nobody pray, into Canaan, I couldn't hear nobody pray. O Lord!*

Anthem "Tenebrae factae sunt" (no.4 from *The Seven Last Words of Christ*) Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

*Tenebrae factae sunt super universam terram. Et circa horam nonam clamavit Jesus voce magna dicens:
"Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani?" quod est interpretatum: "Deus meus, Deus meus, ut quid dereliquisti me?"*

*Darkness came over the whole land. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,
"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which is interpreted, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

The Fifth Reading

THE DARKNESS OF INJUSTICE

Lk. 23:2-25

*Hymn

"To mock your reign, O Dearest Lord"**UMH 285**

The Sixth Reading

THE DARKNESS OF THE CROSS

Lk. 23:26-43

Anthem

Upon a Hill

Lois Townsley, arr. W. Riegger;

TEXT: Miriam LeFevre Crouse

*Three men shared death upon a hill, but only one man died;
The other two—a thief and God himself—made rendezvous.*

*Three crosses still are borne up Calvary's Hill, where Sin still lifts them high:
Upon the one sag broken men who, cursing, die;
Another holds the praying thief, or those who penitent as he, still find the Christ beside them on the tree.*

The Seventh Reading

THE DARKNESS OF DEATH

Lk. 23:44-49

Anthem

"Consummatum est" & "Pater, in manus tuas"

C. Gounod

(no. 6 & 7 from *The Seven Last Words of Christ*)

*Vas ergo erat positum aceto plenum. Illi autem spongiam plenam aceto, hyssopo circumponentes,
obtulerunt ori ejus. Cum ergo accepisset Jesus acetum, dixit: "Consummatum est."*

"Pater, in manus tuas, commendo spiritum meum."

*A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop
and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said: "It is finished."*

"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

Scripture

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JN. 1:1-5

*The Benediction

Proclamatio ex tenebris

Consummatum Est

Gounod

The people remain in place until the choir finishes the above anthem, at which time all depart in silence.

All are invited to spend a moment meditating upon the events of this evening in the silence that follows the conclusion of the service. To maintain a solemn atmosphere in the sanctuary, please abstain from conversation until retiring to the narthex.

Leaders in Worship

ASHER WARD AND SILAS WARD, ACOLYTES
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Opportunities for Worship on Easter Sunday

7:00am Easter Sunrise Service – *Patio outside of Wesley Hall*

8:30am Traditional Worship (*no choir*) – *The Sanctuary*

9:30am “The Gathering” (*led by praise band*) – *Asbury Hall*

10:45am Traditional Worship with Choir, Strings, and Brass – *The Sanctuary*
Music to begin at 10:30 am

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