

## MAKEMIE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### Order of Worship for Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2010

7:00 p.m.

On Maundy Thursday the church remembers the last evening Jesus shared with his disciples in the upper room before his arrest and crucifixion. Maundy Thursday marks three events in Jesus' last week: his washing of his disciples' feet, his institution of the Lord's Supper, and his new commandment to love one another. Maundy Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, and refers to the "new commandment" Jesus taught his disciples (John 13:34). In other words, this is "new commandment Thursday."

**PRELUDE** "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Gwen Skeens, piano solo

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

P: **God is strength of my life: whom shall I dread?**

L: Your presence, O God, I am seeking.

P: **Abandon me not to my foes, for deceivers rise up to oppose me, breathing out violence.**

L: Trust in God. Stand fast and strengthen your courage.

P: **Do not leave me or forsake me, O God, my salvation.**

\*HYMN #5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

P: **I am here.**

L: Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

P: **I am here.**

L: Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

P: **I am here.**

L: The story of Christ's passion & death mirrors for us much of our weakness & sin. We all come here as men & women who have missed the mark & who are alienated from God & from our neighbor. Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Yes, dear God, it's true. We are not worthy of your love. We promise to be faithful but we fall away; we forsake you; we flee from you; we betray you; we deny you; we watch from afar; we don't tell anyone that your reign is at hand; we are afraid. Change us, we pray. Amen.

-- A time of silent prayer --

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: God's love is not destroyed at Golgotha, nor diminished by our unclear reflection of it saving power. God reaches out to heal & revive us & to reveal again the love that will not let us go.

P: **We are invited to know the One beyond all knowing & to accept the gifts God offers us.**

L: Answer God's love with your praise, devotion & service – and you will know you are forgiven.

#### OFFERINGS OF MONEY, BREAD AND CUP

##### OFFERTORY

##### \*DOXOLOGY & \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: Bless these tithes & offerings dedicated to your work, Lord Jesus.

P: **With hope, we thank you that we can be part of your great work.**

\*HYMN #97 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

##### Invitation to Communion

L: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with twelve of his closest companions, his disciples.

P: **Even Judas was included, whom Jesus called, "friend" when Judas came to the garden a few hours later to betray him.**

L: No one is beyond the love of God. Join us in this remembrance.

##### Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**May this meal, endowed with your words & spirit, so fill our hearts, God that no one is beyond our love. May we love as you loved, completely, abundantly, constantly. May we share with all your people the blessings of companionship, grace & strength that we experience at this table. Amen.**

#### LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

Thirteen seats have been arranged around the table as in the upper room. The head-place is the Master's and is to be left for Him. As disciples you will in

groups of twelve come to the table. Those at table will serve each other. During each sitting portions of the original table talk will be read from John's gospel.

(Those who wish to depart may do so quietly)

#### THE OFFICE OF TENNEBRAE

The Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25	Cyndy Cunningham
The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:31-35	Donna Rauch
The Shadow of Unshared Agony	Matthew 26:36-45	Krista d'Eustachio
The Shadow of Deceit & Fear	Matthew 26:47-50	Karen Cottingham
The Shadow of Denial	Luke 22:54 - 62	Nancy Ferguson
The Shadow of the Cross	Mark 15:16-20	Larry Knudsen

**SOLO** "Were You There?" Jim Skeens  
**SILENT PRAYER**

#### **BENEDICTION**

**L:** Go out to keep your vigil at the cross. Let prayer & meditation be means of transformation.

**P:** **We carry with us the tragedy of this night.**

**L:** Go into the world in peace knowing that God has made the ultimate sacrifice through Jesus, who is Christ.

**P:** **Worthy is the One who was slain, to receive glory & honor & power.**

**L:** Love one another, as Christ loves you, now and forever. Amen.

**DEPART IN SILENCE** Please go quietly

#### SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Good Friday Community Service, here at Makemie at 7 p.m.

#### EASTER SERVICES

Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.

Makemie Easter Sunday Communion Service at 11 a.m.

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## Maundy Thursday Communion Tennebrae

April 1, 2010 at 7 p.m.

