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MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION and VIGIL OF TENEBRAE

April 2, 2026 at 6:00 pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

***A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE**

This is a night to remember.

*We remember the Passover Jesus shared with
his disciples.*

We remember the new covenant of broken bread
and shared cup.

*We remember his time alone in the garden
of prayer.*

We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering,
and the denial of his friends.

*We remember this night and thank God
for Jesus' presence with us then and now.*

***HYMN**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

GtG# 202

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.

And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.

No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Come to the communion table in groups of 6 people.. Break a piece of matzah bread - listening for the sound symbolizing Christ's body broken for you. Dip your broken matzah in the cup and then eat when you are ready..

MUSICAL REFLECTION

THE VIGIL OF TENEBRAE

After every second reading, sing one verse of

HYMN

Were You There

GtG #228

1st and 2nd Reading

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

3^d and 4th Reading

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)

5th and 6th Reading

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)

7th and 8th Reading

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)

9th and 10th Reading

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

11th and 12th Reading

Were you there when he rose up from the dead? (Were you there?)

Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he rose up from the dead? (Were you there?)

A TIME OF DARKNESS, SILENCE AND MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:4-9

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Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Depart in silence.... there will be no benediction.

*Thank you to everyone who assisted in making our Maundy Thursday
celebration so solemn and beautiful.*

The Reverend Anne McAnelly

Eileen Mihm, Accompanist

Coty Catlin and Manny Flores, Musicians

Readers:

Myles Billheimer

Carolyn Crocker

Shari Gallegos

Eileen Mihm

Nancy Samsel

Bill Samsel