

# MAUNDY THURSDAY



April 9, 2020

## PRELUDE

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

**L:** We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, between blessing and curse.

**C:** **We are gathered like the people of Israel, who were challenged to choose the way of life.**

**L:** Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

**C:** **Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.**

**L:** By our presence here, we are saying that we choose life.

**ALL:** **Let us praise the God of love and life who has called us to this place.  
Amen.**

*Depth of Mercy*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**L:** This is the message that we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: God is Light.

**C:** **If we walk in the light, we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.**

**Spiritual Communion** *Think for a silent moment when God has touched your life...*

*Music Instrumental "Let Us Break Bread Together"*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (In unison)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**A DRAMATIC READING OF TENEBRAE**  
**BY**  
**THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

<b>Betty - FIRST READING</b>	Shadow of Betrayal	<b>Matthew 26:20-25</b>
<b>Debi - SECOND READING</b>	Shadow of Desertion	<b>Matthew 26:31-35</b>
<b>Jay - THIRD READING</b>	Agony of the Soul <i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	<b>Luke 22:39-44 Music</b>
<b>Jane - FOURTH READING</b>	Unshared Vigil	<b>Mark 14:32-41</b>
<b>Charlie - FIFTH READING</b>	"Father, the hour is come"	<b>John 17:1-6</b>
<b>Jay - -SIXTH READING</b>	"That they may all be one" <i>Bind Us Together</i>	<b>John 17:15-22</b>
<b>Jane - SEVENTH READING</b>	Arrest in the Garden	<b>John 18:1-5</b>
<b>Debi - EIGHTH READING</b>	Shadow of the Cross <i>"Were You There?"</i>	<b>Mark 15:16-20</b>
<b>Betty - FINAL READING</b>	The Word was God	<b>John 1:1-4,14,10,12; 3:19</b>

**THE CLOSING PRAYER & Postlude**