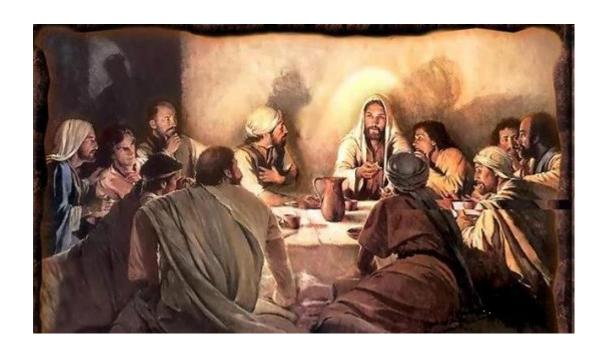
# **Maundy Thursday**



Candlelight Communion and Tenebrae Service

# Tenebrae Service

# Maundy Thursday April 6, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.

~ Offered by Suzanne Parmly ~
INTROIT "Drop, Drop Slow Tears"
THE LAST SUPPER
To this last supper he has summoned them, and (like a shot that scatters birds from trees their hands draw back from reaching for the loaves upon his word: they fly across to him; they flutter, frightened, round the supper table searching for an escape. But he is present everywhere like an all-pervading twilight-hour.
PERSONAL MEDITATION AND SILENT PRAYER
ANTHEM "Lamb of God, What Wonderous Love" Pavane by Gabriel Faure

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: God is the strength of my life: whom shall I dread?

One: I am seeking your presence, O God.

All: Do not abandon me to my foes.

There are people who hate me; there are things that control me; there are places that frighten me.

One: Trust in God. Stand fast and have courage.

All: Help us this night not to fall away.

Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and give us the courage to withstand.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

One: Let us pray:

All: Spirit of Christ, be with us now.

We may try to avoid this hour of trouble; we may not stay awake.

Help us to face our fears of the cross on which you died.

Help us to face the crosses we must carry to honor your life.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE GIVING OF THE CUP (See insert)

**BLESSING** 

#### INTRODUCTION TO TENEBRAE

Tenebrae is a Latin word which means shadows and is applied to this service because the sequence of order is accompanied by ever deepening shadows. Candles representing the Apostles are extinguished until only the Christ Candle gives light. Finally, even this is extinguished. The extinguishing of the candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and the resentment of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the cross. After a brief period of total darkness, the Christ Candle is relighted as a prophecy of Easter soon to dawn, a prayer of dedication is offered and the worshipers leave the church in silence to await the joy of Easter morn. The variety of candle holders is symbolic of the individuality of the unique people Jesus called.

TENEBRAE READINGS AND EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

CHRIST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHRIST CANDLE RELIGHTED

THE RECESSION of the Congregation in SILENCE.

If you wish to remain to pray in silence, you are invited to do so.

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