

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
APRIL 9, 2020 • 7:00 P.M.

A TIME OF REFLECTION

Welcome – Dan Koger

Preparing for Worship – Dan Koger

Holy God, draw us into worship with a spirit of humility. Let us gather with open hearts prepared to love, even to the point of breaking, as we seek to receive this story with our whole selves. In drawing closer to Christ and his crucified love, may we draw closer to you and your beloved world. Amen. (copied)

Chiming of the Hour

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

Prelude – “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (Joan John, Piano)

Call to Worship - Shelley and Tom Ullom

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.”

Just as he loved us, we also should love another.

On this day,

Christ is the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day,

Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day,

Christ took a towel and washed the disciples’ feet, giving us an example that we should do to others what he has done for us.

On this day,

Christ our God gave us this holy meal, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his sacrifice, and be partakers of his resurrection.

This is the God we serve.

This is the God we worship.

Opening Prayer – Kim Miller

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the desire and the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel According to John and Mark – Robyn Schollhammer

Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully. Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, “Lord,

are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later." "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me." Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet.

"You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Washing Our Hands – Kim and Brian Miller

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

Prayer of Humility – Laura and Greg Flick

We remember Peter, who refused to believe Jesus would have to suffer and die.

We remember those times when we cannot see the reality that stares us in the face.

We remember Mary, who in an extraordinary act covered the feet of Jesus with expensive ointment.

We remember those times when we have held back from generously giving to others.

We remember Jesus, who washed the feet of his friends.

We remember those times when we have missed opportunities to be of service to those around us.

We remember Jesus taking the rough road to Jerusalem.

We remember those times when we are called to walk the challenging Way of Christ, even though it may lead to a cross.

Communion Reading According to the Gospel of Mark and the 1st Letter to the Corinthians – Marshall Bolton

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me." 25 He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Every time you drink it, do this to remember me."

Musical Reflection – "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" (Audrey Assad, featuring Fernando Ortega)

Communion Prayer – Dan Koger

Grace-filled and Holy God, we give you thanks for what you have done, what you are doing now, and for the miracles you have yet to work, more wondrous than we can even imagine. We thank you that in the fullness of time, you gave us Jesus, your beloved Son, who conversed with the wind and the waves. He invited the thirsty to living waters, the unchanged to new birth, and the blind to open their eyes to what they had never been able to see. He came from love, he lived in love, and even when his friends betrayed him, he loved them to the end.

He listened for the Spirit, even as its power rearranged people's lives. That same Spirit raised him up from the bounds of death, and it pours out upon us even now; on the friends gather together wherever they are, and on what we eat and drink.

Make us one with each other and make us one with you. Until we love our neighbors as we love ourselves, until we see you clearly, face to face, and until we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that love

is strong as death. Nurture us and nourish us this night through the Bread of Life and the Cup of Love. Amen.

The Lord's Table – Dan Koger

Every time we eat the bread, our brokenness is made whole. Every time we drink the Cup, we receive unceasing grace. Every time we come to the Table, we remember that mystery called faith.

The Bread of Life and the Cup of Love

TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Instrumental Worship – “Were You There?” (*Stephanie Fisher, flute*)

The Shadow of Betrayal according to the Gospel of Matthew – Ashley Ullom

That evening he took his place at the table with the twelve disciples. As they were eating he said, “I assure you that one of you will betray me.” Deeply saddened, each one said to him, “I’m not the one, am I, Lord?” He replied, “The one who will betray me is the one who dips his hand with me into this bowl. The Son of Man goes to his death just as it is written about him. But how terrible it is for that person who betrays the Son of Man. It would have been better for him if he had never been born.” Now Judas, who would betray him, replied, “It’s not me, is it, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You said it.”

The Shadow of Desertion according to the Gospel of Matthew – Rick Schollhammer

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Tonight you will all become deserters because of me. This is because it is written, I will hit the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will go off in all directions. But after I’m raised up, I’ll go before you to Galilee.” Peter replied, “If everyone else stumbles because of you, I’ll never stumble.” Jesus said to him, “I assure you that, before the rooster crows tonight, you will deny me three times.” Peter said, “Even if I must die alongside you, I won’t deny you.” All the disciples said the same thing.

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He said to the disciples, “Stay here while I go and pray over there.” When he took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, he began to feel sad and anxious. Then he said to them, “I’m very sad. It’s as if I’m dying. Stay here and keep alert with me.” Then he went a short distance farther and fell on his face and prayed, “My Father, if it’s possible, take this cup of suffering away from me. However—not what I want but what you want.”

He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you stay alert one hour with me? Stay alert and pray so that you won’t give in to temptation. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.” A second time he went away and prayed, “My Father, if it’s not possible that this cup be taken away unless I drink it, then let it be what you want.”

Again he came and found them sleeping. Their eyes were heavy with sleep. But he left them and again went and prayed the same words for the third time. Then he came to his disciples and said to them, “Will you sleep and rest all night? Look, the time has come for the Son of Man to be betrayed into the hands of sinners.”

The Shadow of the Trial according to the Gospel of Mark – Lynne Robinson

They led Jesus away to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders, and legal experts gathered. Peter followed him from a distance, right into the high priest’s courtyard. He was sitting with the guards, warming himself by the fire. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they couldn’t find any. Many brought false testimony

against him, but they contradicted each other. Some stood to offer false witness against him, saying, “We heard him saying, ‘I will destroy this temple, constructed by humans, and within three days I will build another, one not made by humans.’” But their testimonies didn’t agree even on this point.

Then the high priest stood up in the middle of the gathering and examined Jesus. “Aren’t you going to respond to the testimony these people have brought against you?” But Jesus was silent and didn’t answer. Again, the high priest asked, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the blessed one?” Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting on the right side of the Almighty and coming on the heavenly clouds.”

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we need any more witnesses? You’ve heard his insult against God. What do you think?” They all condemned him. “He deserves to die!” Some began to spit on him. Some covered his face and hit him. Then the guards took him and beat him.

Musical Reflection – “Stay with Me”

The Shadow of Denial according to the Gospel of Mark – Mark Vinson

Meanwhile, Peter was below in the courtyard. A woman, one of the high priest’s servants, approached and saw Peter warming himself by the fire. She stared at him and said, “You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus.” But he denied it, saying, “I don’t know what you’re talking about. I don’t understand what you’re saying.” As he went outside into the outer courtyard, he heard a sound. The female servant saw him and began a second time to say to those standing around, “This man is one of them.” But he denied it again.

A short time later, those standing around again said to Peter, “You must be one of them, because you are also a Galilean.” But he cursed and swore, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.” At that very moment, he heard a sound the second time. Peter remembered what Jesus told him, “Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down, sobbing.

The Shadow of Rejection according to the Gospel of Luke – Betty Klise

Then Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people. He said to them, “You brought this man before me as one who was misleading the people. I have questioned him in your presence and found nothing in this man’s conduct that provides a legal basis for the charges you have brought against him. Neither did Herod, because Herod returned him to us. He’s done nothing that deserves death. Therefore, I’ll have him whipped, then let him go.”

But with one voice they shouted, “Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.” (Barabbas had been thrown into prison because of a riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder.) Pilate addressed them again because he wanted to release Jesus. They kept shouting out, “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

For the third time, Pilate said to them, “Why? What wrong has he done? I’ve found no legal basis for the death penalty in his case. Therefore, I will have him whipped, then let him go.” But they were adamant, shouting their demand that Jesus be crucified. Their voices won out. Pilate issued his decision to grant their request. He released the one they asked for, who had been thrown into prison because of a riot and murder. But he handed Jesus over to their will.

Instrumental Worship – “Via Dolorosa” (*Joan John, piano*)

The Shadow of the Cross according to Mark – Kim Miller

The soldiers led Jesus away into the courtyard of the palace known as the governor’s headquarters, and they called together the whole company of soldiers. They dressed him up in a purple robe and twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on him. They saluted him, “Hey! King of the Jews!” Again and again, they struck his head with a stick. They spit on him and knelt before him to honor him. When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then

they led him out to crucify him. Simon, a man from Cyrene, was coming in from the countryside. They forced him to carry his cross.

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means Skull Place. They tried to give him wine mixed with myrrh, but he didn't take it. They divided up his clothes, drawing lots for them to determine who would take what. It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The notice of the formal charge against him was written, "The king of the Jews." They crucified two outlaws with him, one on his right and one on his left.

Musical Reflection: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Mormon Tabernacle Choir)