MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2015

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This evening we are remembering the last day of Jesus' life. Our scripture readings will begin with the events of Thursday evening and end with sunset on Friday. As part of remembering, the candles and lights will slowly be extinguished. This is an ancient Christian tradition called Tenebrae – from the Latin word for darkness. As we think of what happened long ago, we must remember that these events are also important for our lives. It was for our sins that Christ died.

Jesus Speaks About His Death

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

John 12:27-36

(silent)

John 3:13-15

Thursday Evening - The Upper Room

The Foot-washing

Anthem

"In the Upper Room"

Chancel Choir

The Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:26-29

Hymn: "It Happened on that Fateful Night" (Tallis' Canon)

It happened on that fateful night,

When power of earth and hell arose

Against the Son, our God's delight,

And friends betrayed him to his foes

Before the bitter scene began, He took the bread and blessed and broke. What love through all his actions ran! What wondrous words of love he spoke!

The Last Hours of Jesus' Life

Prelude

"Herzliebster Jesu"

Hand Bell Quartet

Votum

Antiphonal Call to Worship:

Hymn #280 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (choir, first two lines; congregation, last two lines)

"My body broken for your sin Receive and eat as living food." He took the cup and blessed the wine, "Share this new testament, my blood."

"Do this," he said, "till time shall end, Remembering your dying friend; Meet at my table and record The full obedience of the Lord."

O Lord, your feast we celebrate' We show your death, we sing your name Till you return, when we shall eat The marriage supper of the Lamb.

Meaning of the Sacrament

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Communion Anthem

"In Remembrance of Me"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thursday During Dinner - The Darkness Begins to Fall

Betrayal and Denial Predicted

John 13:21-30, 36-38

Thursday Midnight - The Garden of Gethsemane

Hymn: #189 "'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow"

The Arrest John 18:1-14

Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This?"

"What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"

While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And through eternity I'll sing on."

Early Friday Morning - Caiaphas' Residence

Jesus Before the High Priest John 18:12-14, 19-24

Peter's Denial John 18:15-18, 25-27

Hymn #191 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Friday Morning Soon After Dawn - The Praetorium

Jesus Before Pilate John 18:28-40

Solo "He Was Despised" [Messiah]

Chris Forte, Contralto

Jesus Mocked by Soldiers and Sentenced John 19:1-16a

Friday Midday - Calvary

Hymn #194 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

The Crucifixion John 19:16b-34

Friday Before Sunset - Calvary and Nearby

Jesus Taken from the Cross and Buried John 19:38-42

Benediction and Response "Were You There?"