

Welcome to Maundy Thursday Worship

First Presbyterian Church, Bordentown, NJ

April 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm



Following the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we will have a Tenebrae service, a "service of shadows." As a visual reminder of the desertion of Christ by the disciples, candles will be extinguished as the scriptures are read. After the Benediction, you are asked to leave in silence as you are ready.

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Bring me to my knees, O God, that I might love you as you have loved, showing the grace you have taught in Jesus Christ.

PIANO PRELUDE

The "Cross" Medley

Arr. Robert Lowden

CALL TO WORSHIP

In remembrance, we gather:

to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

In remembrance, we worship:

lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.

In remembrance, we feast:

breaking the Bread which makes us whole, drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.

***HYMN**

**An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
(vv. 1-2, 4)**

PH 94

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, even though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them. *(continued)*

Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us? As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As you have called us together around your Table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation. This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope. Amen.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On this holiest of nights, we have received the good news: God has come in Christ Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.

In remembrance, we go forth:

**to bring hope where despair resides;
to be servants to those who are broken;
to love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING (Pew Bible NT pg. 107)

John 13:1, 12-17, 34-35

MEDITATION

“The Love Plea”

Rev. Kristin Austew

***HYMN**

**Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
(vv. 1-3)**

PH 367

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (by Intinction)

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of last suppers be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to God this night.

We open them to the One whose heart is broken this night.

In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God.

Our thanks are offered to the One who walks and waits with us through long nights.

...we join the choirs of every time and place, forever singing your praises:
Holy, holy, holy are you, foot-washing God.
We join heaven and earth in praising your holy name.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who became a servant. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***SOLO**

Weepin' Mary

Gwendolyn Huber

SERVICE OF SHADOWS

After each reading, please join in the response:

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a tempo marking of ♩ = 66. The lyrics are: "Our dark - ness is nev - er dark - ness in your sight: the La té - nè - bre n'est point té - nè - bre de - vant toi: la". The second system has lyrics: "deep - est night is clear as the day light. Our - nuit com - me le jour est lu - miè - re. La té -". The score includes various chords (F#, Bm, Am, D, G, Bm, A, D, Em6, F#sus, F#) and musical notations such as "fine" and "re,".

FIRST READING	In the Garden	John 18:1-8
SECOND READING	Arrest and Betrayal	John 18:10-18
THIRD READING	Trial and Denial	John 18:19-27
FOURTH READING	Before Pilate	John 18:29-38
FIFTH READING	Crucify Him!	John 19:1-12, 16
SIXTH READING	It Is Finished!	John 19:19-30
SEVENTH READING	Jesus' Burial	John 19:38-42

BENEDICTION

Let us leave with silence as our companion,
so we may hear the whispers of all who have been forgotten, except by God.
Let us leave with service as our teacher,
**so we learn the art of compassion from Jesus,
to bring healing and hope to everyone we meet.**
Let us leave with surprise as our guide,
**so we may be open to the promises the Spirit speaks
in the moment of our utter grief and loss.**

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SERVING THIS EVENING

Pastor Rev. Kristin Austew
Director of Music Gwendolyn Huber
Accompanist..... Robert Lowden
Communion Servers..... George Carmichael, Donna Potts, Choir or Bell Member
Readers Deb Branson, George Carmichael, Justin Clark, Simmee Darpino,
..... Nancy Grim, Wendy Huber, Donna Potts