

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

March 28, 2024

7:00 p.m.

*As we enter sacred space for worship, quiet your heart and mind,
centering your thoughts on God's presence among us.*

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This* Mark Hayes
Nolan Anthony, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship (*Unison*) Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

**God of Jesus and of us, thank you for being present
today and every day.**

**We wonder why religious leaders did not understand
your message; we wonder why the mob chose to crucify
Jesus; we wonder why you seemed so far away as he
died.**

**We choose to believe that your love somehow
surrounded Jesus' living and dying and rising again.
We choose to trust that your love surrounds us as we
journey from our mothers' wombs to the blanket
of the earth.**

**Together we worship you now at the end of
this Lenten Journey.
Amen.**

*Hymn 442 *O Come to Me the Master Said* KINGSFOLD

Gospel Lesson Matthew 26:14-29 Rev. Angela Zimmerman
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Bread of the World* Dennis Elliot
Combined Sanctuary Choir
Nolan Anthony, Directing

*Please stand as you are able

Communion

Invitation to the Table Dr. Grammer

Litany Confession Caroline Taminger

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that so often
our discipleship has been weak when
we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we have failed to love one another
as Jesus loves us;

People: forgive us.

Leader: When we have been happy to
proclaim our devotion to Jesus
with our lips and then denied him
by our actions;

People: forgive us.

Leader: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to
be steady and true to you in every time of
trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Zimmerman

Leader: The good news therefore is this:
In Jesus Christ, we are loved
and we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Receiving the Bread and Cup
*Our pastors will distribute the bread and cup.
Receive your elements and hold them until all have received.*

Communion Meditation *Panis Angelicus* arr. Setchell
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

The Blessing & Giving of the Bread Dr. Grammer
"This is my body, broken for you."

The Blessing & Giving of the Cup Dr. Hatfield
"This is my blood, shed for you."

*Hymn 212 *What Wondrous Love is This?* WONDEROUS LOVE

*During the hymn, our altar table will be covered in dark cloth
to represent the themes of abandonment Jesus felt as he was
betrayed, as well as the coming darkness of the crucifixion.
As we sing, may the words and movement remind us of the
suffering of our Lord this night.*

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 22 Caroline Taminger
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* Crosby/Harris
Combined Sanctuary Choir
David Cameron, Directing

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Rev. David Cameron
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Solo *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* Bernard/Bach
William Underwood, Bass

The Scriptural Narrative of Betrayal and Passion

The Service of Darkness

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows
me will never walk in darkness but will have the
light of life." John 8:12b

The gathering darkness is symbolic of the shadows
that settled about our Lord as his enemies closed in
upon him and his disciples deserted him. The candle
left burning, removed from our sight, speaks to us
of the One who remained faithful to the will of God
in the darkest hour.

-Please Exit in Silence-



About Maundy Thursday

The English word *Maundy* for this service is derived through Middle English and Old French *mandé*, from the Latin *mandatum* (also the origin of the English word “mandate”), the first word of the phrase “*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos*” or “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another,” from John 13:31-35.

On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate Jesus’ last meal with his disciples before his crucifixion: remembering how he taught his disciples to be servants to one another through the washing of feet and remembering Jesus’ command to the disciples to love one another.

About Tenebrae

The Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” dates from medieval times. In our observance, scripture, song, and silence lead us in a prolonged meditation on the events of salvation following the Last Supper through the entombment of Christ.

With each progressive step of the Passion, the candles are extinguished until only the one Christ candle remains. When it, too, is removed from sight, we ponder the apparent victory of the forces of evil at the moment of Christ’s death.

Participants in the Service

Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer, Senior Pastor, FBC
Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield, Pastor, CHBC
Rev. Angela Zimmerman, Pastor, SABC
Rev. David Cameron, Associate Pastor for Music & Worship,
CHBC/FBC
Caroline Taminger, Associate Pastor for Families,
CHBC/FBC
Nolan Anthony, Director of Music, SABC
Baxter Jennings, Organist, FBC
Rev. John Fulcher, Pianist, FBC
William Underwood, Soloist, FBC
Combined Sanctuary Choirs, FBC/CHBC/SABC



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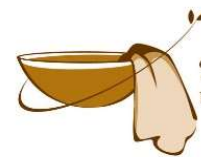
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