

MAUNDY THURSDAY

SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE

The Worship of God begins with the Opening Voluntary.

The congregation is asked to keep silence during this time for prayer and meditation.

April 2, 2015

Seven-thirty o'clock

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

VOLUNTARY *Lamento* Jehan Alain
 Choral Cistercien Alain
 Ah, Holy Jesus Johannes Brahms

*SILENT PROCESSION (*Congregation standing*)

*OPENING SENTENCES Dr. Daniel Bagby

*HYMN 93 *Ah, Holy Jesus* Herzliebster Jesu

*PRAYER (*In unison*) Rev. Libby Grammer

Eternal God, whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, instituted the celebration of the Lord's Supper: mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

LESSON John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (pp. 876-877) Rev. Libby Grammer

ANTHEM *Crucifixus (from Mass in B minor)* J.S. Bach

*Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato,
passus et sepultus est.*

He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate,
He died, and was buried.

LESSON Matthew 26:14-29 (p. 808) Rev. Libby Grammer

ANTHEM *Christus factus est* Anton Bruckner

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem mortem autem crucis.
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum:
et dedit illi nomen quod est super omne nomen.*

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to the death of the cross.
For which cause God also exalted Him
and hath given Him a name which is above all names.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Michael Clingenpeel



LITANY OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

Minister: Almighty God, You are rich in mercy to all those who call upon You: Hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions and asking Your mercy and forgiveness.

Congregation: O Savior of the world, who by Your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

Choir: *Have mercy upon us.*

Congregation: From the impatience which prevents us from finding Your purpose in pain and sorrow,

Choir: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Congregation: From refusing to share the suffering of the world, from seeking only comfort and pleasure, from forgetting those in distress, from the selfishness which brings needless grief to others,

Choir: *Spare us, good Lord.*

Congregation: Heavenly Father, who in the affliction of Your people are Yourself afflicted and are full of compassion and tender mercy, as we pray for those who suffer, for the aged and the dying,

Choir: *Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.*

Congregation: For all who are hindered in the race of life through no fault of their own: for those who endure circumstances which cannot be changed by human will,

Choir: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

Congregation: For those whose livelihood is insecure; for the hungry, the homeless and the destitute; for those who are overworked, down-trodden and in despair,

Choir: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

Congregation: For those who have to bear their burdens alone, for those who are in doubt and anguish of soul, for those who are oversensitive, and for those who suffer through their own wrongdoing,

Choir: *We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.*

Congregation: For all who do not pray for themselves, for all who do not have the prayers of others, and for all whose anguish is unrelieved by the knowledge of Your love,

Choir: *Grant us Thy peace.*

Minister: Gracious God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to You, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace, forgiving all our sins and cleansing us from all that is evil, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF BREAD

“This is my body for you.”

ANTHEM DURING DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD

Verily, verily I say unto you

Thomas Tallis

Verily, verily I say unto you,
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink His blood, ye have not life in you.
Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life,
and I will raise him up at the last day (bis)
For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood
dwelleth in me, and I in him.

THE BLESSING AND GIVING OF THE CUP

“This cup is the New Covenant sealed by my blood.”

ANTHEM DURING DISTRIBUTION OF CUP

Ave verum corpus

W.A. Mozart

*Ave, verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death.

LESSON Matthew 26:30-46 (pp. 808-809)

Dr. Daniel Bagby

*HYMN 98 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Passion Chorale

THE SCRIPTURAL NARRATIVES OF BETRAYAL AND PASSION

Rev. Sheryl Johnson and Rev. Michael Kellett

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, although temporarily hidden from view, speaks to us of the One who remained faithful to the will of God in the darkest hour. After a moment of prayer and meditation, the congregation will leave the sanctuary in silence as the lights of the nave are raised.

The cross is veiled in black, symbolic of the death of Christ and of mourning.

**Congregation standing*