

Maundy Thursday
As Evening Falls and Shadows Lengthen
A Service of Word and Sacrament
in the Shadow of the Cross
March 28, 2024

The disciples were
 aghast at the topsy-
 turvy way that Jesus
 kept upending
 the status quo.



In the Shadows of Suffering, We Gather as Followers of Jesus Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116 (adapted)

One: Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.

ALL: Let us offer a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

WE BEGIN OUR PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (BEV)

One: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: In the beginning, you, O Lord, upended the void and created the worlds of heaven and earth and all who dwell herein. You gather the peoples from every land. Wherever sin and death cast a pall, you come to bring us peace. In Christ's life, death is upended, therefore we gather to give thanks!

HYMN 654

In The Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

R In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

One: If you have wandered in the wilderness and found no place to call home, If you have suffered alone and no one came to your call and you have cried to the Lord, give thanks, for the Lord hears the cries of his people. **R**

One: If you have been hungry for nourishment, for body or soul, if you have thirsted for refreshment for your parched mouth or dried up heart, and you have cried to the Lord, give thanks, for the Lord satisfies our thirst and fills the hungry. **R**

One: If you have waited at the edge of darkness, imprisoned in sorrow; If you have waited through the night in sickness without cure, And you have cried to the Lord, give thanks, For the Lord has sent his Word and freedom comes, For the Lord has provided the Word by which we are healed, For the Lord hears the cries of his people and says, "Come to me, all who are weary and I will give you rest." **R**

SCRIPTURE (ROB)

Leviticus 23 (excerpts)

One: The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: These are the appointed festivals of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, there shall be a Passover offering to the LORD, and on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Festival of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall not work at your occupations. For seven days you shall present the LORD's offerings by fire; on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation: you shall not work at your occupations."

MEDITATION (BEV)

Upended in Prayer

Rev. Beverly Friedlander

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS

One: Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe, for by your word, which is the bread of heaven, you fill your peoples' hunger.

ALL: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all our hearts be pleasing and acceptable to you, O Lord.
(The balloon prayers are offered.)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**HYMN 803 v 1, 2**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

Verse 1 **My shepherd will supply my need;**
Jehovah is his name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,

And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

Verse 2: **When I walk through the shades**
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.

In the Shadow of Sin,
We are Being Transformed through the Courageous and Healing Work of Reconciliation.

SCRIPTURE (KEVIN)

Luke 22: 7-13

One: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you,

“Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” ‘ He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

Choir: v 1 Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.

ALL: v 2 **PEACE**; v 3 **LOVE**; v 4 **HOPE**; v 5 **JOY**

(Join in singing as we process to the Upper Room and the Table.)

KEVIN: What shall we return to the Lord for all his providence?

ALL: Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (BEV)

Luke 22: 14-20

One: When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

HYMN 544

Bless The Lord

BLESS THE LORD

Bless The Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. (repeat)

BEV: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

(hammer)

HYMN 602

Holy Lamb of God

YA HAMALALLAH

CALEB: Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

BEV: And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

(drum)

Caleb: Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

CONFESSION

BEV: And then Jesus said, “But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table.”

ALL: Surely it is not I who betrays you, my Lord!

(drum)

Silence as we consider the ways we have betrayed our Lord.

(drum)

CALEB: Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Choir: Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

ALL: Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

BEV: We give thanks to you, O Lord, that in your mercy, you gave your only begotten one, the Beloved Christ, and in Christ you have provided your sacrifice of love that we might be reconciled to you and to one another. By your Spirit, at this table, in the communion of bread and cup, we remember our Lord Jesus and his sacrificial life. Here we receive the gift of heaven and by your grace become one body, reunited and one in faith. For this gift of reconciling love, we give you thanks.

HYMN 601

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Amen. Amen. Amen.

COMMUNION

(Communion will be served by intinction; please come forward, break off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup, and eat. If you do not want to receive the bread and cup, you may come for a blessing.)

From the Shadows, Christ is Calling St. Andrew to be a beacon of peace and love.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

John 13: 33-35

BEV: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Hear Christ’s mandatum:

“Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment,

that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

ANTHEM

If You Love Me

Thomas Tallis

PASSING THE PEACE

BEV: As a people forgiven and freed, we reach out to lift others up, offering the peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

ALL: And also with you!

In the Shadow of Desertion

SCRIPTURE (DEBORAH)

John 13: 36-38 John 16: 32-33

One: Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

(Drum)

DEBORAH: The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone.

(drum)

DEBORAH: Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!”

ANTHEM

And the Mother Did Weep

Karl Jenkins

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22: 39

DEBORAH: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.

HYMN 656

We've Come this Far By Faith

Albert A. Goodson

*(The choir will sing through the first time, then we will join and follow them,
singing the verse until all are together, and then singing the ending.)*

(verse) **We've come this far by faith,**

leaning on the Lord,

trusting in the holy Word;

God's never failed us yet.

(ending) **O, can't turn around,**

we've come this far by faith.

We've come this far by faith.

(repeat verse above until all are gathered in the courtyard-then ending)

In the Shadow of Weakness

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22: 40

DEBORAH: When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22: 41-44

DEBORAH: Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me, yet not my will but yours be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

HYMN 194 (round)

When Jesus Wept

William Billings

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound.

When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

(DRUM)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22: 45-46

MARCIA When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

In the Shadow of Betrayal and Denial

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22: 47-48, 52-54

MARCIA: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as though I were a rebel? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!" Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. **(Let us follow.)**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22: 55-62

ROB: When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a female servant, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him, for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

In the Shadow of Humiliation

SCRIPTURE

A Responsive Reading

Mark 15: 1-2, 6-8, 11-24

BEV: They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back,

ALL: "Crucify him!"

BEV: Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

ALL: “Crucify him!”

One: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

(drum

BEV: Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

ALL: “Hail, King of the Jews!”

BEV: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

(drum)

BEV: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha.

(hammer—3 nails)

(Go to the cross singing)

HYMN Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley **LONESOME VALLEY**

CHOIR v1 Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by himself;

O, nobody else could walk it for him, He had to walk it by himself.

ALL v2 We must walk this lonesome valley, We have to walk it by ourselves;

O, nobody else can walk it for us, We have to walk it by ourselves.

v3 You must go and stand your trial, You have to stand it by yourself;

O, nobody else can stand it for you, You have to stand it by yourself.

The Shadow of the Cross

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15: 27, 29-32

ROB: And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same

way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

ANTHEM

Psalm 22

Henry Davies

The Shadow of Hope: Where Everybody Belongs.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23: 39-43

KEVIN: One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

HYMN 227

Jesus Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. *(repeat as led)*

The Shadow of Death

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23: 44-45

CALEB: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

ANTHEM

Were You There

SCRIPTURE (BEV)

JOHN 19: 30

“Jesus said, ‘***It is finished.***’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

