



Beckley Presbyterian Church
203 South Kanawha Street
Beckley, West Virginia 25801



April 13, 2017
Maundy Thursday

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

TENEBRAE MEANS SHADOWS, AND AS WE READ MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE GROWING SHADOWS OF SIN AND THIS WORLD'S DARKNESS GATHERING AROUND THE CROSS.

PRELUDE *HERZLIEBSTER JESU BWV 1093* *J.S. BACH*

WELCOME

*HYMN #223 *WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS*

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: WHEN IT WAS EVENING, JESUS TOOK HIS PLACE
 WITH HIS DISCIPLES, AND WHILE THEY WERE
 EATING, HE SAID, "TRULY I TELL YOU,
 ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME."

PEOPLE: **"WHO? WHO WILL BETRAY YOU?"**
 THEY ALL WONDERED. SURELY NOT ME.
 TELL US WHO, JESUS.

LEADER: "THE ONE WHO DIPS HIS HAND INTO
 THE DISH WITH ME."

PEOPLE: **"BUT THAT'S ALL OF US.**
 WE'VE ALL SHARED THIS COMMON MEAL."

GOD'S WORD AND SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE LORD BE WITH YOU
AND ALSO WITH YOU.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

LET US GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

THANK YOU, O LORD,

THAT WITH THE SWEEP OF CREATION YOU HAVE
REVEALED THE BEAUTY OF YOUR BLESSING TO THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE. THOUGH THE UGLINESS OF OUR SIN
HAS MARRED CREATION, KILLED INNOCENTS,
AND CAUSED SLAVERY,
YOU MAKE AND KEEP COVENANT WITH YOUR PEOPLE,
LEADING US FROM BONDAGE TO FREEDOM
AND SEND US PROPHETS TO CALL US BACK TO YOUR
WAYS OF JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL.

**MAY YOU BE PRAISED, O LORD OUR GOD,
RULER OF THE UNIVERSE.
YOU FEED THE WORLD WITH GOODNESS,
MERCY, AND GRACE.**

BLESSED ARE YOU, O GOD,
FOR OUR BELOVED BROTHER JESUS
WHO CAME TO SHOW US THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
AND THE LIFE SO THAT WE MIGHT SHARE IN YOUR
BLESSING AND LIVE IN YOUR ABUNDANCE
FOREVER AND EVER.

**WHEN WE WERE HUNGRY, WITHOUT FOOD,
HE HEALED US.**

WHEN IGNORANT, HE TAUGHT US.

WHEN WE WERE SICK, HE TOUCHED US WITH HEALING.

WHEN ENSLAVED TO DEMONS, HE FREED US.

HE EMBODIED YOUR SOVEREIGN RULE ALL THE WAY
TO CERTAIN DEATH BY EMPIRE,
YET HE DID NOT BACK DOWN.

SEND FORTH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT NOW, WE PRAY,
THAT, AS WE READ THE ANCIENT STORY, WE MAY
HEAR YOU SPEAK AMONG ALL THE SCREAMS
AND SILENCES OF THE CROSS.

KEEP US ALL ONE,

EVEN AS YOU PRAYED WE WOULD ALL BE ONE,
AND FILL US WITH THE STRENGTH TO ABIDE WITH YOU
AND MINISTER UNTO YOU
EVEN IN THE TORTUROUS CHAOS OF A CRUCIFYING
WORLD.

THIS WE ASK IN CHRIST, THROUGH CHRIST,
WITH CHRIST TO WHOM BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY
AND DOMINION NOW AND FOREVERMORE.

AMEN.

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

AS IN THAT UPPER ROOM

CARL HAYWOOD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

CHARLES CALAHAN

READING

MATTHEW 26:31-35

SILENT REFLECTION

READING

MATTHEW 26:36-46

SILENT REFLECTION

READING

MATTHEW 26:47-56

HYMNAL #218

AH! HOLY JESUS

CHOIR VERSE 1

READING		MATTHEW 26:57-68
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 26:69-75
HYMNAL #218	<i>WHO WAS THE GUILTY?</i>	CHOIR VERSE 2
READING		MATTHEW 27:1-2
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 27:3-10
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 27:11-14
HYMNAL #218	<i>LO, THE GOOD SHEPHERD</i>	VERSE 3
	CONGREGATION (SEATED)	
READING		MATTHEW 27:15-26
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 27:27-31
HYMNAL #218	<i>FOR ME, KIND JESUS</i>	VERSE 4
	CONGREGATION (SEATED)	
READING		MATTHEW 27:32-37
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 27:38-46
HYMNAL #218	<i>THEREFORE, KIND JESUS</i>	CHOIR VERSE 5
READING		MATTHEW 27:47-50
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 27:51-54
HYMNAL #228	<i>WERE YOU THERE</i>	ALL SINGING VERSE 1
STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL		
DEPARTURE IN SILENCE		

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

The final act of the service is the stripping of the Sanctuary. This is done in silence. The stark, bare, unadorned church now reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane. **When the pastor departs, you are asked to dismiss from the Sanctuary in silence.**

*Thank you to our lay reader Bill Hartling
to Al & Ellen Combs who prepared our communion elements;
and to our Nursery Assistant Ann Worley.*