



*Beckley Presbyterian Church*

*203 South Kanawha Street*

*Beckley, West Virginia 25801*

# MAUNDY THURSDAY



April 18, 2019  
Maundy Thursday

*"The mission of Beckley Presbyterian Church is to glorify God through the nurturing and equipping of our congregation to manifest our faith throughout God's creation with love, joy, hope, and open hearts."*

# 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

*VA DOLOROSA*  
BPC HANDBELL CHOIR

DALE WOOD

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



READING		MATTHEW 26:57-68
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 26:69-75
HYMN 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
HYMN 218	<i>LO, THE GOOD SHEPHERD</i>	VERSE 3
	CONGREGATION (SEATED)	
READING		MATTHEW 27:15-26
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 27:27-31
HYMN 218	<i>FOR ME, KIND JESUS</i>	VERSE 4
	CONGREGATION (SEATED)	
READING		MATTHEW 27:32-37
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 27:38-46
HYMN 218	<i>THEREFORE, KIND JESUS</i>	CHOIR VERSE 5
READING		MATTHEW 27:47-50
SILENT REFLECTION		
READING		MATTHEW 27:51-54
HYMN 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. **The slamming shut of the Bible signifies the stone rolling into place to seal the tomb. When you hear that, you are asked to depart in silence and wait in anticipation of the joy of the resurrection.**

*Thank you to our lay reader  
to those who prepared our communion elements;  
and to our Nursery Assistant.*