

Maundy Thursday Year B Order of Worship—Tenebrae Service

(At the beginning of the service, people would be handed a candle along with their bulletin. The symbols below each scripture would be brought up to the table before the reader began. After the reader has finished, he/she will extinguish a lit candle. On the table will be the communion elements along with the Christ candle.)

Words of Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This (Verse One)

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

The Anointing of Jesus

Mark 14:3-9

Symbol: Broken Jar

Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This (Verse Two)

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great “I Am”
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

The Passover

Mark 14:10-21

Symbol: The Bowl

Choir Anthem (or Hymn): O Sacred Head Now Wounded

(If done as a hymn, just sing the first verse. If done as a choir anthem, have the choir seated together)

A Meal in Memory

Mark 14:22-31

Symbol: The Chalice

Meditation

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Taize Song: “Jesus, Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom”

*(This song will be sung while we share the Bread and Cup)
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom,
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

Betrayed

Mark 14:32-51

Symbol: Money Bag

Taize Song: “Stay Here And Keep Watch With Me”
Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.
Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

The Pain of Denial **Mark 14:66-72**
Symbol: The Rooster

Hymn: Were You There? (Verse One)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Jesus Before Pilate **Mark 15:1-5**
Symbol: The Bindings

Hymn Were You There? (Verse Two)
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Death Sentence **Mark 15:6-20**
Symbol: Crown of Thorns

Hymn: #129 Were You There? (Verse Three)
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

The Way of the Cross **Mark 15:21-32**
Symbol: Nails

(Following this reading, we will hear the sound of nails being hammered in the background)

Hymn: Were You There? (Verse Four)
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

The Death of Jesus **Mark 15:33-47**
Symbol: Candle

(At the end of this reading, the Christ Candle will be extinguished. We will remain in darkness for a few minutes.)

Silent Reflection

The Lord's Prayer

(We will recite the prayer together. At the beginning of the Lord's Prayer, the Christ Candle will be relit.)

Taize Song: "Within Our Darkest Night"

(As we sing the simple refrain, we will light our candles from the Christ candle, as a reminder of the hope of resurrection)

*Within our darkest night, we kindle the fire that never dies away,
Never dies away,
Within our darkest night, we kindle the fire that never dies away,
Never dies away...*

Benediction