

# THE Celebration OF Worship

## IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Maundy Thursday order is adapted from an ancient, solemn service observed on Thursday of Holy Week. As you enter silently you are encouraged to meditate upon the fact that it was on this night that the twelve disciples were with Jesus for the last time, and that he stood in the shadow of the cross. The gradual extinguishing of the candles symbolizes the shadows that fell across his final night, commemorating the flight of the disciples, and the approaching of the dark hate within Jesus' enemies.

Prelude When Jesus Wept arr. Lloyd Larson

Anthem Cordero de Dios Michael M. Mendoza

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: A table is set before us.

A feast is prepared for us.

People: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

As we break the bread and share the cup,

our understanding may fail us.

Leader: But we will never forget Christ's example.

People: May we seek to grasp the full extent of his love.

### \*Opening Hymn No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**HAMBURG** 

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### \*Prayer for Pardon

Leader: Our God is not a cruel parent.

Our God seeks to be in relationship with us.

Our God loves us enough to take on our form and live among us.

People: God will not turn us away when we confess with open hearts.

All: Dear God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can

be changed. Grant us grace.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God offers forgiveness and welcomes us

to the table of grace and plenty where all the faithful gather.

This is the Good News that brings new life.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **WE WITNESS JESUS' PASSION**

The Shadow of Persecution Jesus' Enemies Mark 14:1-2, 10-11

**The Shadow of Grief** Farewell to Jesus Mark 14:3-9

The Gift of Grace The Last Supper Mark 14:12-25

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Communion Anthem The Upper Room Price and Besig

There in a quiet upper room they gathered together once again.

The Master stood among the twelve he called his closest friends.

"Soon I must leave you," said the Lord. "My Father will call me from this place.

Although you may not understand, my life is in his hands. I must obey."

They sat in the silence, tears in their eyes. He spoke once again to ease their minds:

"Be not afraid. Do not despair. When you need me I will always be there."

"Come sit beside me," said the Lord. "For here at this table we are one.

Come share this simple meal with me, and show that you believe I am God's son.

This bread is my body broken for you. This cup is my blood which is shed for you.

Take, now and eat, take, now and drink. Do this always in remembrance of me."

"Walk in my footsteps," said the Lord. "Be steadfast in everything you do, and keep me always in your heart, though we may be apart I am with you."

The Shadow of Abandonment

Jesus Prays

Mark 14:32-42

Jesus, praying in the garden, in the shadow of a tree. Jesus, calling to his Father, all alone on bended knee. "Father, Father, let this cup pass by me." Jesus, looking to the heavens, in Gethsemane. Jesus, praying in the garden, in the shadow of a tree. Jesus, calling to his Father, crying out in agony. "Father, Father, let this cup pass by me!" Jesus, praying in the garden, in Gethsemane. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free! Love that chooses shame and suffering, love that chooses Calvary. Tears are falling, shadows calling, in that quiet sacred place. Jesus rises in the darkness, lifting high the cup of grace. "Father, Father, thy will be done!" Jesus, alone in Gethsemane.

The Shadow of BetrayalThe Judas KissMark 14:43-50The Shadow of DenialPeter FailsMark 14:66-72The Shadow of AccusationThe TrialMark 15:1-5The Shadow of the CrossThe CrucifixionMark 15:21-32

Anthem Carry Him Gently Buryl Red

Carry him gently, my baby, carry him gently my child; carry him far from suffering. Let him rest, let him rest for awhile. I gave him love as a baby, I shared his joy as a child. He died alone, forsaken. Let him rest, let him rest for awhile. Oh, Jesus, your life is unending. Oh, Jesus, my Lord, even death can't take you away. Oh, Jesus, our faith is unbending. Oh, Jesus, my Lord, for you are the truth and way. Carry him quickly, my baby, carry him quickly, my son; carry him far from suffering. His work is done.

Katy Williams, soloist

The Shadow of Death Jesus' Last Breath Mark 15:33-39

The bell is tolled 33 times, representing the years of Jesus' life.

Anthem Were You There Traditional Spiritual Rich Williams, soloist

Please depart from the service in silence.

