



FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 29, 2018 • 7:00 PM



Laura James, *Washing Feet*, 2000

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

MAUNDY THURSDAY • ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we begin our preparation for worship.
Please **silence all electronic devices** and do not take flash photos during the service.*

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings • *Samuel Barber (1910–1981)*
arr. William Strickland (1914–1991)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Janice Smith

One: This is the day that Christ, the Lamb of God,
gave himself into the hands
of those who would slay him.

**All: This is the day that Christ gathered
with disciples in the upper room.**

One: This is the day that Christ took a towel
and washed the disciples' feet.

**All: This is the day that Christ our God
gave us this holy feast,
that we who eat this bread
and drink this cup
may here proclaim his holy sacrifice
and be partakers of his resurrection
and at the last day
may reign with him in heaven.**

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

* CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we will not bind ourselves to you.
In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love
and withhold ourselves from others.
We do not love you fully
or love one another as you command.
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to Christ,
who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

* SONG RESPONSE

O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,
 And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;
 Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for - sak - en:
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 What won - drous love is this, O my soul,
 What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME

ANTHEM*Ubi caritas • Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
Where charity and love are, God is there.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 13:1-17; 34-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"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."

One: This is the Word of God;
for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON*The Rev. Werner Ramirez***"What Do We Know... About Love?"**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from *Ephesians 5:1-2*

**As beloved children we will be imitators of God,
we will live in love,
we will live as Christ loved us as he gave himself up for us,
we will live as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Amen.**

* SONG RESPONSE

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren
("Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee")
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

*Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren,
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!*

Do not be sorrowful or regretful;
Be calm, as God has ordained,
and thus my will shall be content.

*Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.*

What do you want to worry about from day to day?
There is One who stands above all
who gives you, too, what is yours.

*Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,
das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.*

Only be steadfast in all you do,
stand firm; what God has decided,
that is and must be the best. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Kate Dunn

Invitation

The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

Herbert Howells, Text: Psalm 42:1-3

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,

while they daily say unto me,

where, where is now thy God?

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

TENEBRAE: THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Each section will be sung first by the cantor, then with the congregation.

Bob Brennan The Shadow of Betrayal: Matthew 26:20-25



Thandi Khonje The Shadow of Inner Agony: Luke 22:40-44



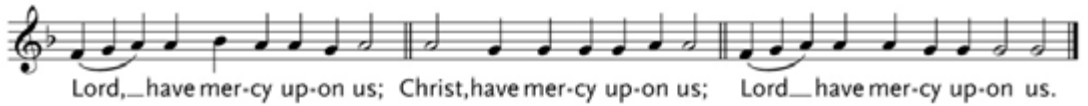
Lillian Jackson The Shadow of Loneliness: Matthew 26:40-45



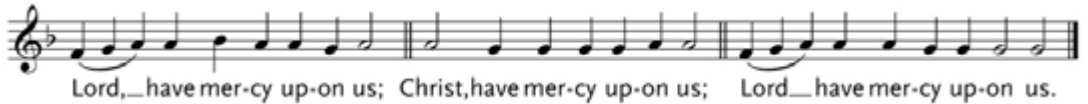
Sara Rodgers The Shadow of Desertion: Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56



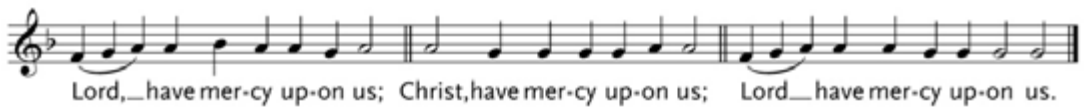
Chaz Jackson The Shadow of Accusation: Matthew 26:59-67



Hannah Bell The Shadow of Mockery: Mark 15:12-20



Jeff Yao The Shadow of Death: Luke 23:33-46



THE LIGHT DEPARTS

THE STREPITUS

THE LIGHT RETURNS

* BENEDICTION

You are invited to stay for a time of silent meditation following the service.

The ministry of music this evening is offered by: The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*
Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Clayton Brown, *Baritone*

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The Service of Tenebrae

Early Christian churches had beautiful and dramatic services to commemorate the events of Holy Week. They called one of these services Tenebrae—a Latin word meaning “shadows” or “darkness.”

The distinctive feature of a Tenebrae service is the gradual extinction of lights in the Sanctuary. As the readings proceed, the Sanctuary grows darker until a solitary candle remains. This candle represents Christ alone, surrounded by the forces of darkness, when all of his disciples have fled. Finally, even this candle is removed and hidden, symbolic of the apparent victory of the powers of darkness over our Lord in his Passion. Christ has gone: “crucified, dead and buried.”

At this moment in the service, in the dark silence of the church, there is a sudden, sharp noise. This Strepitus (or “loud sound”) symbolizes the earthquake that came at the moment of Christ’s death. The powers of death and destruction have done their worst—yet all is not lost. The lone candle that was hidden returns to the Sanctuary, beckoning us to return on Easter morning for the coming of the Light.

We Invite You Back

We invite you to return tomorrow for our Good Friday service of sacred music and reflections. You are welcome to attend all or part of this three-hour service, which begins at 12 pm in the Sanctuary.

Join us on Sunday for our Easter services, at 9:30 and 11:15 am in the Sanctuary. You are welcome to bring along fresh-cut flowers to add to the Flowering of the Cross just outside our doors on Fifth Avenue.

Visit Us During the Week

The Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and Columbarium are open seven days a week for prayer and reflection.

Building Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8 am to 6 pm • Tuesday: 8 am to 9 pm
Saturday: 8 am to 1 pm • Sunday: 8 am to 2:30 pm



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