



This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday

Service of Worship

April 6, 2023, 7:00pm

Celebration of the Lord's Supper and A Service of Tenebrae

PRELUDE

Bells Te Deum
Chancel Choir

"Shalom"

"Drop, Drop, Slow Tears"

Burroughs

Sam Batt Owens

Drop, drop, slow tears; Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet,
Which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.

Drop, drop, slow tears; Drop, drop, slow tears.

Cease not wet eyes, His mercies to entreat; To cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

Drop, drop, slow tears.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;

Nor let his eye see sin but through my tears.

Drop, drop, slow tears; Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

People: Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 223

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-15

Alaina Engdahl

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Virginia Achtermann

ANTHEM
Chancel Choir

“Just As I Am”

Charles F. Brown

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, Lamb of God, I come!
Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose love can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, Lamb of God, I come!
Just as I am, tho’ tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fighting fear within and pride without, O Lamb of God, I come!
Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind, Thy treasures rich, Thy peace of mind,
And heav’ns own vision in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come!
Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
Because Thy promise I believe...
Just as I am, Thy love profound hath broken ev’ry barrier down;
To be Thine own, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
Lamb of God, I come!

MEDITATION

“The Family Dinner Table”

Rev. Charlotte O’Neil

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy ...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with the faithful
of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: ... As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as
we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Communion

(All the Matza at the Table is gluten-free)

Prayer After Communion

Hymn 207

“Shadows Lengthen into Night” verse 1

**Sharing Paschal bread and wine as the daylight ebbs away,
Friends at table join to dine. One of them will soon betray.
Shadows lengthen into night.**

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Mount of Olives – Matthew 26:31-35
A time of silence

Ella Louise Conner

The Garden – Matthew 26:36-46
A time of silence

Tim Harvey

The Betrayal – Matthew 26:47-56
A time of silence

Merri Bame

HYMN 220
“Go to Dark Gethsemane” verses 1 and 2

The First Trial – Matthew 26:57-68

Mike Eberle

The Denial – Matthew 26:69-75

Hollie Briggs

HYMN 218
“Ah, Holy Jesus” verses 1 and 2

The Trial Before Pilate – Adapted from Luke 23

Jane Swinford, Mac Swinford

Narrator: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them:

Pilate: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator: They all said together:

People: Away with this man! Release Barabbas for us.

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put into prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; they kept saying:

People: Crucify, crucify him!

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding:

People: Crucify, crucify him!

Narrator: So, Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN 228

“Were You There” verses 1 and 2

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

*The service concludes when the Christ candle is taken from the Sanctuary.
Please leave in silence.*

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Maundy Thursday (from mandatum, Latin for commandment) proclaims Jesus’ new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. It celebrates Christ’ example of humble service and self-offering, represented by foot-washing and the sharing of communion.

Our Maundy Thursday service includes a service of Tenebrae. The word Tenebrae is also from Latin and means shadow or darkness. The service began in the Western medieval church. The scripture readings tell the story of Jesus’ arrest and trial. As the candles are extinguished after each reading a time of silence is kept as we remember the overwhelming sacrifice of God’s only Son and consider the depth of God’s love for us. The Tenebrae service traditionally ends after the church is stripped and the Christ candle is taken from the Sanctuary.

*Thank you to all our readers and worship leader, and to
Pastor Cynthia McKay for assisting in worship*



Good Friday
Easter Sunday

April 7 at 12:00pm
April 9 at 10:00am

Prayer, Music & Meditation
Worship & Communion