

The Order of Worship

April 1, 2010

8:00 p.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
AND THE OFFICE OF *TENNEBRAE

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622 J. S. Bach
O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***HYMN NO. 170** (red hymnal) O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Passion Chorale

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of bread of our need for you. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in faithfulness. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

You are invited to exchange, by words and touch, signs of reconciliation with one another.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17, 31-35

ANTHEM Gethsemane

Robert Graham

Gethsemane! The word alone Takes form before my eyes, And I
can see the olive trees, Against the moonlit skies.

A lonely figure kneeling there In silence and alone, Head bowed
upon his hands; Who has such anguish known?

Past and present merge as one The future moving into place That
through his willing sacrifice Mankind might live and know God's
grace;

Gethsemane! How can I see his face except through tears?

Jeana Graham

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues).....to the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Prayer continues)..... So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
COMMUNION**

COMMUNION RESPONSE This Is the Body of Christ John Bell
(Prior to Communion, the choir will sing the response. Then all will
sing the response.)

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 1095

J. S. Bach

O Guiltless Lamb of God
(from the *Neumeister Chorales*)

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LITURGY OF THE PASSION

(please remain seated throughout)

JESUS PREDICTS HIS BETRAYAL Matthew 26:20-25
HYMN NO. 93 (blue hymnal) Ah, Holy Jesus *Herzliebster Jesu*
(verses 1 and 3)

THE DISCIPLE'S PROMISE Matthew 26:30-35
HYMN NO. 92 (blue hymnal) Beneath the Cross of Jesus *St. Christopher*

JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN Luke 22:39-46
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley *Lonesome Valley*
Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by
Himself; O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk
it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, We have to walk it by
ourselves; O, nobody else can walk it for us, We have to walk it
by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, You have to stand it by
yourself, O, nobody else can stand it for you, You have to
stand it by yourself.

American spiritual
Luke 22:47-62
Herzliebster Jesu

BETRAYAL AND DENIAL
HYMN NO. 93 (blue hymnal) Ah, Holy Jesus
(verses 2 and 4)

ARREST AND CRUCIFIXION Mark 15:1-20, Luke 23:32-43
He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word African-American spiritual
They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word.

They nailed Him to a tree, and He never said a mumbalin'
word. Not a word.

They pierced Him in the side, and He never said a mumbalin'
word. Not a word.

The blood came trickalin' down, and He never said a
mumbalin' word. Not a word.

He bowed His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin'
word. Not a word.

African-American spiritual
Terrance McCracken, Baritone

THE DEATH Mark 15:33-39
ANTHEM Were You There? *Were You There*
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it
causes me to tremble.

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

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it
causes me to tremble.

African-American spiritual
SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT Isaiah 53:3-6
EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT
STEPITUS (THE DEATH OF OUR LORD)

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

Tenebrae is not really a service. The word means “darkness” or “shadows” and first began to appear in church liturgies around the seventh century. Tenebrae has come to symbolize the darkness and somber tone of the accounts of Christ’s suffering and crucifixion, reflected in the scripture readings, in the music, and in the silence of the people as they leave the sanctuary.

The “Strepitus” means “loud noise” and is signified by the slamming of a book or door at the conclusion of the service. Originally, the strepitus was a loud noise made by the abbot to signify to the monks, who were in silent meditation, that the liturgy of the hours was over. It has come to symbolize the harsh reality of the death of our Lord.

Our thanks to Terrance McCracken for his enrichment of our worship this evening.

This evening’s prelude comes from Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of chorale preludes intended to cover the entire liturgical year. Though not completed it contains a number of his most well-known and loved works, among them *O Mensch, bewein*. This chorale prelude features the chorale melody in a highly ornamented and florid style (played this evening with a registration our organbuilders describe as “crying”) accompanied by extremely expressive supporting harmonies. In the closing measures one can almost sense the last footsteps of Christ and his intense suffering, and even a glimpse of our salvation to come.

Organist John Grew will be heard in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, April 9, at 8:00 as part of this season’s *Musica Organi* series. Mr. Grew is Professor of Organ and University Organist at McGill University in Montréal and an internationally active concert organist. The recital is cosponsored by the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Admission is free and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. Do come join us that evening!

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Easter Breakfast	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Easter Egg Hunt	10:20 a.m.	Front Lawn
Easter Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary

The breakfast will include egg casseroles, fruit, danish, donut holes, juice **and coffee**. The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10:20 for ages 1 - 5, and at 10:40 for Kindergarten - 5th grade. Bags will be provided for the children to gather their eggs. We will meet for the Easter Egg Hunt at the entrance near the office at the designated times.