

✠ And the Light Darkened

Keeping the Silence

Fourth Reading

Luke 23:26-33

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The Sanctuary Is Stripped, as the song is repeated...

Taizé Song "Jesus, Remember Me" (*music at hymn #227*)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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The Christ Candle Is Extinguished

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✠ The Christ Candle Shines in the Darkness

Closing Prayer

"Good Friday: Still"

Jan Richardson

The Congregation Departs in Silence



Join our Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday at 6:30 am in the Cemetery.
Celebration of the Resurrection, Easter Worship Service, Sunday at 10:00 am

Participating in this service:
The Rev. Scot McCachren, Pastor of Hilltop Church
James Wynne, Director of Music & Organist at Hilltop Church
The Hilltop Sanctuary Choir

Hilltop Church, Mendham NJ

An Observance of Maundy Thursday & the Passion of Jesus Christ



My Father if it is possible, let this cup pass from me,
yet not what I want but what you want. *Matthew 26:39*

Prelude *Prelude au Kyrie* Jean Langlais

Call to Worship

In remembrance, we gather:

To be with the one who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

In remembrance, we worship:

Lifting our voices to the one who calls us to love one another

In remembrance, we feast:

Breaking the bread which makes us whole, drinking the cup which fills us with grace.

Opening Prayer

Taizé Song "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (*music at hymn #466*)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Responsive Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.

According to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight.

You are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that through God's love in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. God has shown love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Choral Interlude *Forsaken* Dan Forest

First Reading Luke 22:7-23

Second Reading Matthew 26:31-46

Meditation Daughters of Jerusalem Pastor Scot

Choral Interlude *Gethsemane Hymn* Larry Shackley

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The God of Last Suppers be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts to God this night.

We lift them to the Lord.

In the midst of uncertainty and fear, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung Response... (*Music for Response, #552*)

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. Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues... Great is the mystery of faith.

Sung Response... (*Music for Response, #553*)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. (*repeat*)

The pastor continues... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever:

Sung Response... (*Music for Response, #554*)

Amen, amen, amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup (*Gluten free crackers at the center of each plate*)

Song as Communion is Served "Bless the Lord" (*Music at hymn, #544*)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Communion Prayer (*unison*)

We thank you, Lord, for giving us this sacred meal, for giving us your Spirit and your life. May we go forth reminded of your everlasting grace, which will be celebrated for all eternity. Amen.

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Choral Interlude *Lamb of God* Twila Paris

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Third Reading Matthew 26:57-58, 69-75