



Third Presbyterian Church

Seeking the Light

...“darkness” is shorthand for anything that scares me – that I want no part of – either because I am sure that I do not have the resources to survive it or because I do not want to find out. The absence of God is in there, along with the fear of dementia and the loss of those nearest and dearest to me. So is the melting of polar ice caps, the suffering of children, and the nagging question of what it will feel like to die. If I had my way, I would eliminate everything from chronic back pain to the fear of the devil from my life and the lives of those I love – if I could just find the right night-lights to leave on.

Barbara Brown Taylor
Learning to Walk in the Dark

**The Worship of God
Maundy Thursday**

April 2, 2015

7:30 p.m.

** Congregation may stand, as able
Please turn off cell phones and pagers.*

PRELUDE "An Wasserflüssen Babylon" BWV 653 J.S. Bach
(*"By the waters of Babylon, we sat down and wept"*)

*** CALL to WORSHIP**

LEADER: On this night, Christ calls us from north and south and east and west.

PEOPLE: **As we gather, we remember with thanksgiving the first meal shared with friends.**

LEADER: On this night, Christ's journey toward death continues through the shadows of betrayal and judgment.

PEOPLE: **As we gather, we remember – sometimes it causes us to tremble.**

*** HYMN 94** "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" O WALY WALY

PRAYER
of CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors and, like Simon Peter, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we seem unable to bind ourselves to you. Compassionate God, when we are weak and willful people, we depend on your mercy. Lead us now to your table, and once more, unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

OFFERTORY *The offering this evening will be added to the Pastors' Emergency Fund to address emergency pastoral needs.*

ANTHEM "God So Loved the World"

Bob Chilcott

Abby Middleton, soprano

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son that
whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- John 3:16

FIRST LESSON The Shadow of Weakness

Luke 22:1-6

Martha C. Langford

SECOND LESSON The Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26:20-25

Susan Spaulding

HYMN

of PREPARATION "It Happened on That Fateful Night"

(The Gathering of the Servers – congregation remains seated)

TALLIS' CANON

1. It hap - pened on that fate - ful night when
 2. Be - fore the bit - ter scene be - gan, he
 3. "My bod - y bro - ken for your sin re -
 4. "Do this," he said, "till time shall end, re -
 5. O Lord, your feast we cel - e - brate: we

4 pow'rs of earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our
 took the bread and blessed and broke. What love through all his
 ceive and eat as liv - ing food." He took the cup and
 mem - ber - ing your dy - ing Friend; meet at my ta - ble
 4 show your death, we sing your name till you re - turn, when

7 God's De - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.
 ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of love he spoke!
 blessed the wine: "Share this new tes - ta - ment, my blood!"
 and re - cord the full o - be - dience of the Lord."
 7 we shall eat the mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb.

THE SACRAMENT of THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEDITATION

INVITATION

TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER

OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

PEOPLE: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LEADER: You are holy, O God of majesty...

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

(organ intro)

Ho - - - ly, ho - - - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! (organ)
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

setting by William Mathias

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD

(Gluten-free bread is provided this evening for the Lord's Supper. Each bread tray contains pieces of gluten-free bread individually packaged in small plastic bags. Please hold the elements until all have been served.)

MOTET

"Ubi caritas"

Maurice Duruflé

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

(translation) Where charity and love are, there is God. The love of Christ has brought us together into one flock. Let us rejoice and let us be glad in that love itself. Let us fear and love the living God. And let us love from a pure heart. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and cup in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN 98
(seated)

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

PASSION CHORALE

THIRD LESSON

The Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26:30-35
Roderic P. Frohman

FOURTH LESSON

The Shadow of Temptation

Mark 14:32-41
Susan Fox

ANTHEM

"Ave Verum Corpus"

Colin Mawby

Ave verum corpus natum
de Maria Virgine: vere
passum, immolatum in
cruce pro homine: cujus
latus perforatum fluxit aqua
et sanguine: esto nobis
praegustatum, mortis in
examine: O Jesu dulcis! O
Jesu pie! O Jesu, Fili Mariae

- 14th century text

All hail, O true Body, of the
blessed Virgin born, Which
in anguish to redeem us
did'st suffer upon the cross;
From whose side, when
pierced by spear, there
came forth both water and
blood: Be to us at our last
hour the source of
consolation. O Jesu tender,
O loving Jesus, O Jesu Son of
Mary.

FIFTH LESSON **The Shadow of Judgment**

Mark 15:6-10
Luke 23:18-25
Susan Danielson

SIXTH LESSON **The Shadow of Death**

Luke 23:33-46
Lynette Sparks

ANTHEM **"Crucifixus"**

Antonio Lotti

(translation) He was crucified, and for us He also suffered
under Pontius Pilate and was buried.

SEVENTH LESSON **The Shadow of the Tomb**

Mark 15:42-46
Maisie Merz

SOLO **"Were You There?"**

Traditional
Melissa Zgouridi, *alto*

THE FALL of DARKNESS

PRAYER
of SUPPLICATION

*Though the Christ Candle is removed from our presence,
the Light is not extinguished.
We wait—in darkness—for the Resurrection.*

*You are invited to remain as long as you wish for meditation and prayer.
Please depart in silence.*

Participants in this evening's service:

LITURGISTS: Martha C. Langford, Lynette Sparks
John Wilkinson

ACOLYTES: Randy Carlson, Jobin Philip

READERS: Susan Danielson, Susan Fox, Roderic P. Frohman,
Maisie Merz, Susan Spaulding

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST: Peter A. DuBois

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Caroline Robinson

USHERS: Jim Boyer, Roxanne Boyer, Ralph Carter,
Van VanZanten, Jeff Weis, Rob White

TENEBRAE is derived from the Latin word meaning darkness or shadows. In this ancient service we begin with a sanctuary filled with light, but as we hear the story of our Lord's passion read from the Scriptures, the shadows begin to overtake us. With each step our human sin and faithlessness deepen and gradually blot out the light.



Holy Week and Easter at Third Presbyterian Church

9:00 a.m.

Seventh Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Solidarity and Justice

Holy Apostles Church, 530 Lyell Avenue, Rochester, NY 14606

This event is a solemn pilgrimage that will begin with a short prayer service 8:45 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy in the Chapel

6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

1100 S. Goodman Street, on the Terrace

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary

John Wilkinson preaching: "Invited to Go, Tell, See"

Mark 16:1-8

Music for choir, brass, organ and handbells

