

The evening's offerings, unless otherwise designated, will be used to assist church members, residents of our community, and passers-through with emergency financial assistance, at the discretion of the Pastor and the Session.

Child care is available in the nursery tonight for infants and young children.

Please silence cell phones.

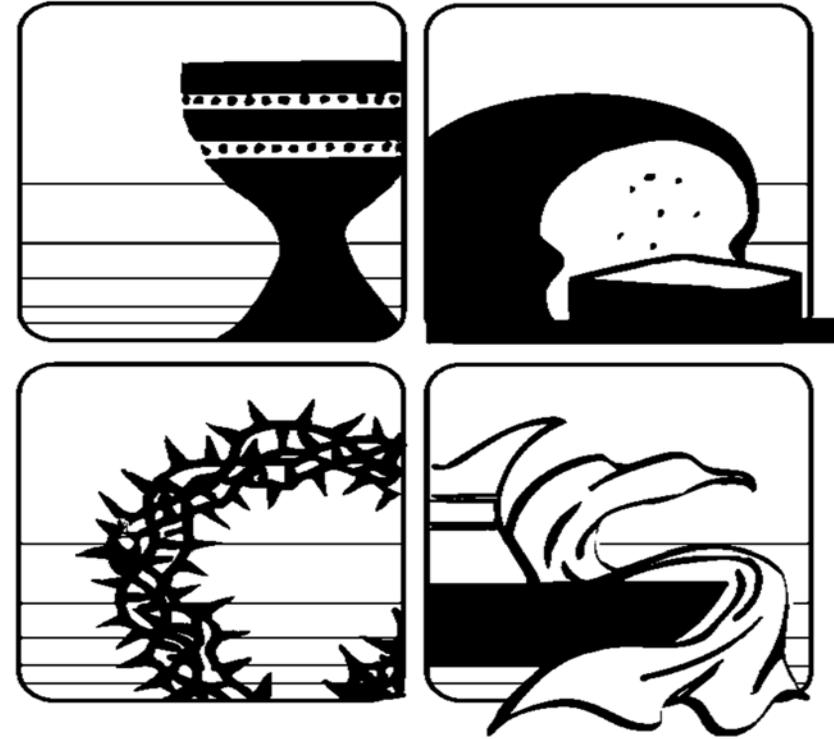
Tenebrae

The service of Tenebrae or “shadows” grew out of a combination of night prayer and early morning prayer, with an additional focus upon the commemoration of the passion (suffering) of Christ. The passion story was usually read by several deacons, and later, in the Middle Ages, was chanted by monastic choirs. The most striking feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the candles in the room.

Maundy Thursday

The word “maundy” came into English by the Old English word *maunde* meaning “ceremony.” Following the example and command of Jesus, the feet of the poor were washed on Maundy Thursday. Additional influence on the word derived from Latin *mandatum* by way of Old French *mande*, which means “command.” On that night in the upper room Jesus commanded his disciples to observe the Lord’s Supper, “Do this in remembrance of me;” to wash one another’s feet, “You also ought to wash one another’s feet;” and of special note, this command from Jesus, also in the Upper Room, “A new command I give you, that you love one another.” This Thursday night before Easter is the traditional time of commemoration of these significant events in the life of Christ and in the lives of his followers.

Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service



*Trinity Presbyterian Church
Valdosta, Georgia
April 13, 2017*

Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae
Trinity Presbyterian Church - April 13, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE Adagio from the "Moonlight" Sonata Ludwig van Beethoven

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN 367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *Chereponi*

CALL TO WORSHIP

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against You and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded Your love, and marred Your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 574 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us *Kyrie*
(Silence for personal prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17

HYMN 101 (verses 1 & 2) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Hamburg*

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 26:20-29

HYMN 101 (verses 3 & 4) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Hamburg*

THIRD GOSPEL LESSON John 13:31-35

ANTHEM Thy Will Be Done Craig Courtney

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Scripture Reading I Corinthians 11:23-26
Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Adagio from the "Pathetique" Sonata Ludwig van Beethoven

DOXOLOGY 592 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow *Old Hundredth*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *Passion Chorale*

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES TO THE CROSS Luke 22:29-23:56

The sanctuary is progressively darkened as the reproaches are read. Once the sanctuary is dark, the Christ candle will be removed from the sanctuary until Easter morning. The "Christ candle" is removed, symbolizing Christ's three days in the tomb.

...but you have prepared a cross for your Savior
Lord, have mercy.

SOLO Give Me Jesus
John-Alan Gourdine - Tenor

Everyone please depart from the sanctuary in silence. The service continues at Noon on Good Friday.