

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR
**The Sacrament of Holy Communion
and Ancient Order of Tenebrae**

March 20, 2008

Eight O'clock PM

*"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim
the Lord's death until he comes" -- I Corinthians 11: 26*

THE SOLEMN PROCESSIONAL

with muffled drum

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "Listen! I stand at the door and knock.

People: If you hear my voice and open the door,

Leader: I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

**People: Come, Lord, Jesus. The door is open and we are ready
to receive you.**

THE PSALM 22: 1-5, 22-27

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, You sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. Judge us
with love, and lift the burden of our sins. We confess that we
have failed to fulfill your will for us. We have withheld love,
neglected justice, and turned away from truth. You have bound
yourself to us, but we have been reluctant to bind ourselves to
you.**

**We deceive ourselves, saying we have no sin; but we have been
unwilling to forsake false gods and to serve you and you alone.**

**O God, have mercy upon us, weak and willful though we are.
Lead us to your Table, and unite us to Christ, who is the Bread of
life and the Vine from which we grow in grace. In His name we
pray.**

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, hear the Good News! With the twelve we are
invited to eat and drink at our Lord's Table.

**People: From east and west, from north and south, shall his
people come.**

Pastor: Worshipping friends, having heard the Good News, let us
declare:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen and amen.

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Eli, Eli

Traditional Jewish

Michael Desnoyers, Tenor

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken us?
My God, my God, why have you forsaken us?
With fire and flame they have burned us,
Above all, they have put us to shame and to disgrace.
Great though was our distress, none departed from our faith,
From our holy Torah, from our prayer.
My God, my God, why have you forsaken us?
Oh my God, my God, why have you forsaken us?
My God, my God.

Day and night, I only hope and pray.
With fear, I follow our Torah and I pray
Save us!
Save once more your children, for the sake of our fathers.

Listen to my prayer and my lament
For you alone, God are the only one who can help.
For, Hear, O Israel
The Lord is our God,
The Lord is one.*

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-15

(Pew Bible p. 102)

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

*THE COMMUNION HYMN 94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the Lamb of God
who laid down his life
to take our sins away
and to be our life.
Come to the table of the Lord
in peace and friendship.
It is the Lord who invites us,
and the Lord who nourishes us;
it is the Lord who gives us his peace.

THE HEBREW SH'MA (Great Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Mike Denoyers

*Sh'ma Yis'ra'eil Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad.
Barukh sheim k'vod malkhuto l'olam va'ed.*

Hear, Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is One.
Blessed be the Name of His glorious kingdom for ever and ever.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

People: **We give thanks unto the Lord our God.**

Pastor: Together, let us ask God's blessing upon this meal, that we might worthily receive these gifts, and be strengthened for service in his kingdom...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts" and "debtors")

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Hebrew Blessings recited by Michael Desnoyers)

BLESSING OF THE BREAD (HaMotzi Lechem)

*Baruch ata Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam
ha-motzi lechem min ha'aretz*

Blessed art Thou, Oh Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

*On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,
'This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'*

BLESSING OF THE CUP (Kiddush)

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha-olam

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe
borei p'ri hagafen (Amein)

Who creates the fruit of the vine (Amen)

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu, melekh ha-olam
asher kid'shanu b'mitz'votav v'ratzah vanu*

Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who sanctifies us with his commandments, and has been pleased with us
*v'shabat kad'sho b'ahavah uv'ratzon hin'chilanu zikaron
l'ma'aseih v'rei'shit*

You have lovingly and willingly given us Your holy Shabbat as an inheritance, in memory of creation

ki hu yom t'chilah l'mik'ra'ei kodesh zeikher litzi'at Mitz'rayim

because it is the first day of our holy assemblies,
in memory of the exodus from Egypt

ki vanu vachar'ta v'otanu kidash'ta mikal ha'amim

because You have chosen us and made us holy from all peoples
v'shabat kad'sh'kha b'ahavah uv'ratzon hin'chal'tanu
and have willingly and lovingly given us Your holy Shabbat for an inheritance

Barukh atah Adonai m'kadeish hashabat (Amein).

Blessed are You, who sanctifies Shabbat (Amen).

In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup, and said, 'This cup is a new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all sinners for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again."

The gifts of God for the people of God!

THE COMMUNION (seated)

Please hold the elements until all have been served.

*THE RESPONSE FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: And all that is within me, bless His holy Name!

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

People: We forget not all His benefits.

Pastor: Let us pray.

The Minister and the Congregation:

Almighty and most gracious Father, who has given us this night to remember the Lord Jesus at the celebration of His Last Supper: grant that our ears may be closed to the voice of clamor and distraction; that our eyes, which have seen your great acts, may also behold your grace and forgiveness; that our tongues, which sing of your love, may announce hope to the lost; that the feet which have walked in your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the souls of all who have now received your blessed sacrament may be restored to newness of life. In your name we pray: one God, world without end. Amen.

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

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A Service of Darkness

The First Reading: Luke 23: 13–25, 33–34

The Choral Response: *“O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile”*

Silent Meditation

The Second Reading: Luke 23: 39–43

The Choral Response: *“Hear Us, Holy Jesus”*

Silent Meditation

The Third Reading: John 19: 25b–27a

The Choral Response: *“At the Cross, Her Station Keeping”*

Silent Meditation

The Fourth Reading: Matthew 27: 45–46

The Choral Response: *“Bound Upon the Accursed Tree”*

Silent Meditation

The Fifth Reading: John 19: 28–29

The Choral Response: *“Jesus, In Thy Thirst and Pain”*

Silent Meditation

The Sixth Reading: John 19: 30

The Choral Response: *“O Perfect Life of Love”*

Silent Meditation

The Seventh Reading: Luke 23: 46

The Choral Response: *“Behold the Lamb of God”*

Silent Meditation

THE FALLING OF DEEP DARKNESS

THE NAILING

THE PERIOD OF SILENCE and THE SILENT RECESSIONAL

All worshippers are requested to leave the Sanctuary in silence

*Those who are able, please stand.

THE CHORAL RESPONSES are from
A Service of Darkness by Dale Wood

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Beverly Antis and the Covenant Choir for their many hours of practice and for the powerful message of Christ’s passion proclaimed in song tonight. Thanks also to Larry Morrison and Michael Desnoyers for their contributions.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

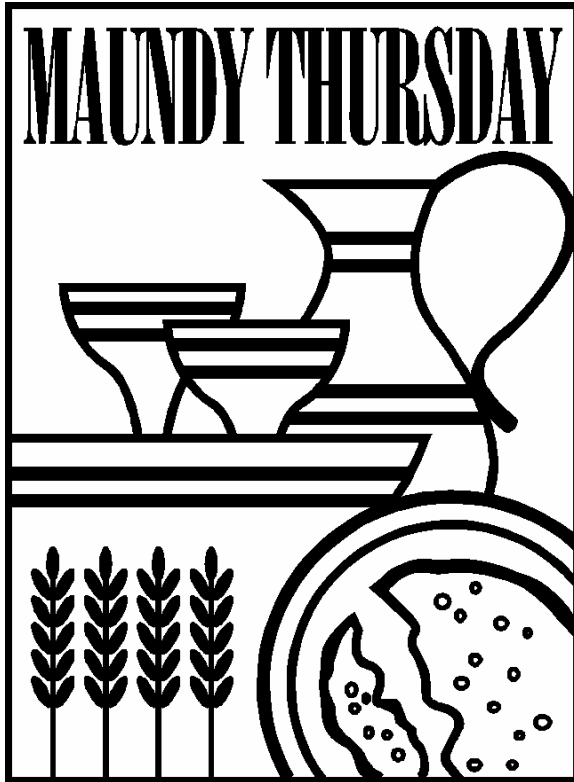
From the Latin *mandatum*, meaning “command.” On the occasion of his last Passover meal with the disciples, Jesus commanded his followers to share a meal of bread and wine in his memory. “Do this in remembrance of me.” (1 Corinthians 11:24) On this night, Jesus also gave a new commandment to his disciples, to “love one another.”

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE (darkness)

The gradual extinguishing of candles and Sanctuary lights during this liturgy accentuates the Biblical narrative of Christ’s journey to the Cross. The service ends in silence as the narrative is arrested with Jesus’ death and his last words on the cross. Yet, the Christ Candle, even when temporarily shrouded, does not yield completely to the darkness. This candle, symbolizing Christ, who is our Hope and Light, leads us from darkness to light, and from death to life.

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