

Order of Worship
Maundy Thursday Vigil
April 18, 2019 6:30pm

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus said to us, "I am the light of the world."

People: "Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Evening Prayers

Lighting of the Candle

Scripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-4,12-19 Fred Lambert

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Gracious God, we come into this loving place tonight as friends in Christ. We desire to be healthy and wise. We desire to know, to trust and to believe in God. Part of God's wisdom, and our awareness is to recognize that each of us has a dark side to our personalities. When life's pressures surround us and frighten us, we see this side of us, surface. Lord; help us not to fear, but to trust in you. Help us not to try to control, but to choose your love and guidance. Help us to believe in this darkest hour for your Son, that your promise will always abide in us and nurture our lives. Forgive us when we stray, Forgive us for our lack of trust. Forgive us when we are weak and defiant. Help us to be defeated so that we can allow ourselves to be overwhelmed in your Holy Spirit. When we are foolish, inspire us to study on your Wisdom. Give us the confidence to follow even when we really don't understand your will for us. Allow us to be humble, so that we may forget our self-importance and pretensions. Help us to see the Way in the Truth and the Light. Make us again your people who trust and believe in the unfailing grace of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. David F. Hurst

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:7-13

Joyce Monska

Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

(words on back of bulletin)

Supper

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:14-23

Rev. David F. Hurst

Reflections

Holy Communion: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-2 Rev. David F. Hurst

Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Pardon

"Were You There"

(words on back of bulletin)

Benediction

Pastor: Merciful God, you love us more than we deserve, You have reached out to us when we refuse to listen. You go to the cross for us.

People: O God, we draw humbly near to you, in quiet and sadness. We do not understand fully, but we ask for your gracious presence in our lives. Through the darkness and through the light, you remain our steadfast and loving God..

Pastor: Lord may we seek to understand your Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ our savior.

People: Thank you God for your gifts to us. Through your grace may we remain loving one another and sharing your sacrifice and joy with others.

Pastor: Go now in peace. Amen

(depart in quiet meditation/prayer)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of
the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see;
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord.
Oh!.....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side.
Oh!.....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they pierced him in the side.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine.
Oh!.....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they pierced him in the side.

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