

Maundy Thursday

A Tenebrae Service of Word and Sacrament

April 1 – 7:30 PM

The Approach to God

The Prelude:

“Alleluia”

Giulio Caccini

“Were You There?”

Kurt Kaiser

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”

Richard A. Nichols

The Chiming of the Hour

The Silent Processional

*The Litany

Leader: The light has come into the world, and the world loved the darkness rather than the light.

People: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 167

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

The Service of Communion

The Welcome

The Anthem: “There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

Bob Chilcott

There is a green hill far away, without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear, but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good, that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.

O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too, and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

The Sacrament of Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us. Even when we turned away from you, you turned your face toward us.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his suffering and death opened to us the way of everlasting life.

We praise you that you not only shared the darkness and confusion of life, you overcame it.

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

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 for the Bread

The Words of Institution for the Wine

The Communion Anthem: “Ave Verum”

Edward Elgar

Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria virgin vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum, mortis in examine. O clemens, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Translation: Hail, true Body, born of the virgin Mary; who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for all, whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, be for us a foretaste in the hour of death. O Jesu, hear us, Son of Mary.

The Meditation: “The Cup of Blessing”

The Service of Shadows

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit

The Scripture Reading: Luke 22:39-46

The Anthem: “The Sorrows Thou Art Bearing” harm. J. S. Bach
The sorrows thou art bearing, with none their burden sharing, on me they ought to fall. The torture thou art feeling, thy patient love revealing, ‘tis I that should endure it all.

The Shadow of Arrest

The Scripture Reading: Luke 22:47-53

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 161:1,2

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

The Shadow of Denial

The Scripture Reading: Luke 22:54-62

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 172:1,2

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended”

The Shadow of Condemnation

The Scripture Reading: Mark 15:1-15

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 170:1,2

“Man of Sorrows – What a Name”

The Shadow of Mockery

The Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:27-31

The Anthem: “O Sacred Head Surrounded” harm. J. S. Bach

O sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn! O bleeding head, so wounded, reviled, and put to scorn! Death’s pallid hue comes o’er thee, the glow of life decays, yet angel hosts adore thee, and tremble as they gaze.

The Shadow of Crucifixion

The Scripture Reading: Mark 15:21-24, 29-32

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 164:1,2

“What Wondrous Love”

The Shadow of Death

The Scripture Reading: John 19:28-30

The Christ Candle Is Removed

The Shadow of Burial

The Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:57-61

The Solo: “Were You There?”

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

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

The Time of Silent Reflection

The Anthem:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Gilbert M. Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory
died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all
my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ,
my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them
to his blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow
mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns
compose so rich a crown?*

***All:**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all. (Choir: Amen.)**

***The Dismissal**

Leader: May Jesus Christ, who for our sakes became obedient
unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen
you.

People: Amen.

***The Silent Recessional**

***The People Leave in Silence**

Rev. Peter Jonker – minister of preaching
Rev. Ruth Boven – liturgist
Dr. Larry Visser – organist, pianist
Andrew Plaisier – cellist
Vocal Quartet, Merle Mustert – director
Kathryn Becksvoort – soprano; Renee Vande Wege – alto
Ben VanHouten – tenor; Jason Reiffer – bass
Perrin Rynders – percussion
Asher Konyndyk – acolyte

Ruth Konyndyk – Candle bearer
Chad Scholtens and Nadia Speulstra – Cross bearers
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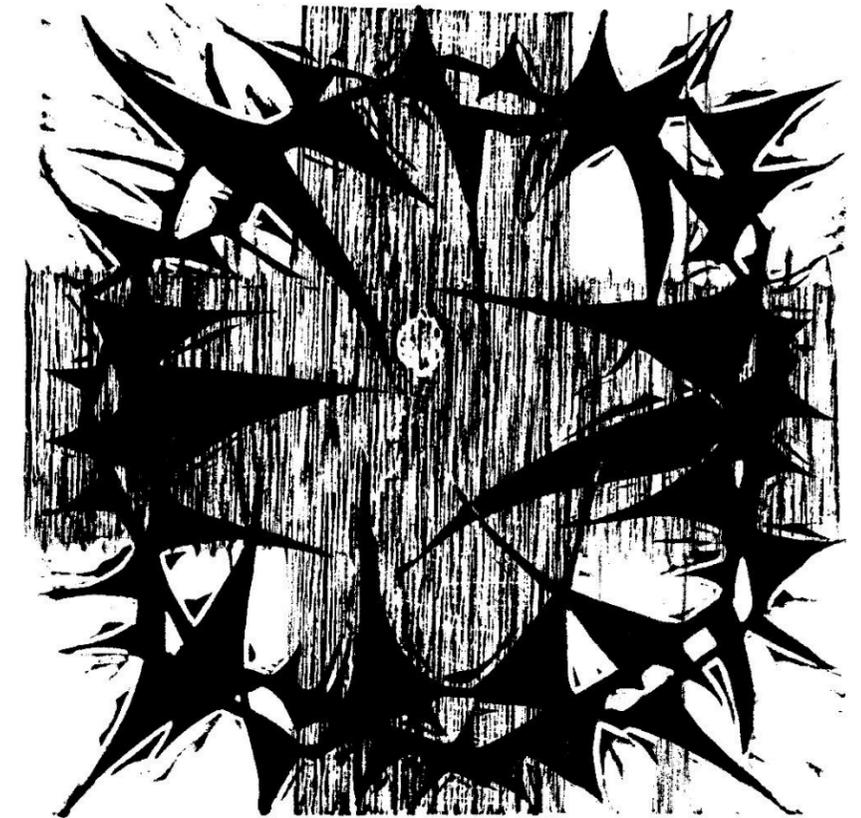
Cellist **Andrew Plaisier** is a graduate of Unity Christian High School, Calvin University, and the University of Michigan and is currently a member of the Grand Rapids Symphony and a private cello instructor.

Tonight’s Service is chronological. We will walk beside Jesus as he takes the journey from the gentle light of the Thursday Passover table down into the deep darkness of Friday and the cross. For that reason, our communion will come at the beginning of the service and only after sitting at the table with Jesus will we head out to Gethsemane, to the Sanhedrin, to Pilate’s judgment hall, and then finally to Golgotha and the cross. As we journey, we will experience the darkness associated with a Tenebrae service.

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the Church since the fourth century. Originally Tenebrae was held in monasteries on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week. It was part of the matins and lauds (daily Scripture-reading and prayer services) which began at two o’clock in the morning. Later, to allow town folk to participate in these services, the monasteries scheduled the Tenebrae service during the afternoon or evening before each of these holy days.

The Tenebrae service is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s sufferings using readings, candles, and music. After each Scripture reading, a single candle is extinguished followed by an anthem or hymn. As the darkness increases, the final white candle—the Christ candle—is removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing Christ’s death and burial. Through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Christ candle will remain in the narthex, symbolizing Jesus’ separation from his disciples. The candle will be restored at the beginning of our Easter service.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

A TENEBRAE SERVICE
of SHADOWS

April 1, 2021
7:30 PM

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Christian Reformed Church