Maundy Thursday

A Service of Tenebrae and Holy Communion

Zion's Reformed United Church of Christ Greenville, Pennsylvania April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.

BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

PRELUDE "O Lamb of God" W. A. Mozart

Lori Seinar-Roknick, Soprano Soloist

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

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

Leader: If I say, "Let the darkness cover me and the light around me turn to night,

darkness is not dark to you, O God.

People: The night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

OPENING HYMN "Journey to Gethsemane" (bulletin page 3)

OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PROPHECY: Mark 14:1-21

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FELLOWSHIP OF THE UPPER ROOM

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE UPPER ROOM: Mark 14:22-25

COMMUNION HYMN "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face" (bulletin page 4)

PRAYERS FOR BREAD AND CUP

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O God, by coming to your table we receive more gifts than we deserve. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. Renew us so we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" Daniel S. Twohig, Geoffrey O'Hara Lori Seinar-Roknick, Soloist (CCLI #89099)

THE SHADOWS

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL: Mark 14:26-31

THE SHADOW OF SORROW: Mark 14:32-42

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL: Mark 14:43-45

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION: Mark 14:46-52

THE SHADOW OF TRIAL: Mark 14:53—15:15

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION: Mark 15:16-32

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (bulletin page 5)

THE SHADOW OF DEATH: Mark 15:33-39

DARKNESS COVERS ALL

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Silent Reflection

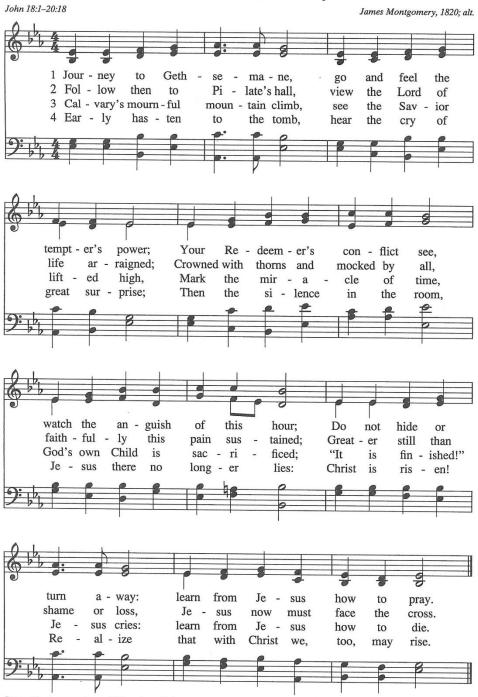
LOOKING FORWARD: Mark 15:40-47

THE RETURN OF THE LIGHT OF HOPE

BLESSING

The congregation leaves in silence.

Journey to Gethsemane



James Montgomery, born of Moravian missionary parents, edited a newspaper in England. Risking imprisonment, he published articles advocating human rights, including the abolition of slavery. He wrote more than 400 hymns.

Tune: REDHEAD NO. 76 7.7.7.7.7. Richard Redhead, 1853

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Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



Horatius Bonar, a founder of the Free Church of Scotland and author of 600 hymns, wrote this hymn at his brother's request. It was first printed in a leaflet for the author's church, St. Andrew's Free Church in Greenock, Scotland.

Tune: MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.

Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Alternate tune: LANGRAN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

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Originally titled "Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ," this hymn has been acclaimed as one of the finest in the English language. Isaac Watts' hymnody grew out of his dissatisfaction with the restraints of the metrical psalters.

Tune: HAMBURG L.M. Lowell Mason, 1825