

**MARCH 28, 2013**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Greeting**

As darkness falls, we gather to remember the events of the evening when Jesus shared his last supper with his friends.

**All: *What then, shall we render to the Lord for all his bounty to us?  
We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord***

*Psalm 116 v.13 NRSV*

**Meditation**

**SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS – THE SANCTUARY**

*After each scripture reading, we extinguish a candle while we sing the Refrain.. These readings tell a portion of the passion story up to Jesus' sentence of death. On Good Friday, we continue our journey.*

**Hymn 132:** Bitter Was the Night Verse 1 & 2

**The First Reading:** Luke 22:39-45

**Hymn 132:** Bitter Was the Night Verse 3

**The Second Reading:** Luke 22:47-8, 52-53

**Hymn 132:** Bitter Was the Night Verse 4

**The Third Reading:** Luke 22:54-62

**Hymn 132:** Bitter Was the Night Verse 5

**Prayer of Confession** (unison) *(concerning our failure to watch, our betrayal and our denial)*  
**God's love for the world has been revealed in Jesus Christ, who certainly loved us to the uttermost; Jesus - Saviour and Lord - who at his last meal with his disciples gave them – and us that new commandment - "... love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**  
*John 13:34,35*

Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak: when we have failed to serve as Jesus served; ***forgive us.***

When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; ***forgive us.***

When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; ***forgive us.***

Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial.

***Amen***

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus said: "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" The good news therefore is this:

***In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!***

**The Fourth Reading:** Luke 22:63-23:12

**Hymn 132:** Bitter Was the Night Verse 6 & 7

**The Fifth Reading:** Luke 23:13-25

**Hymn 144:** Were You There When They Crucified My Lord Verse 1

**The Sixth Reading:** Luke 23:26-28, 32-43

**Hymn 144:** Were You There When They Crucified My Lord Verse 2

**The Seventh Reading:** Luke 23:44-46

### **Silence**

**Hymn 144:** Were You There When They Crucified My Lord Verse 3

**Epilogue:** Luke 23:47-56

**Hymn 144:** Were You There When They Crucified My Lord Verse 4 & 5

### **Closing Prayer**

***Lord Jesus, one of us betrayed you,  
another denied you,  
and all of us have forsaken you.  
Yet you remain faithful to us unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Strengthen us so we do not turn aside,  
but follow you to the very end;  
for the final victory belongs to you. Amen***

### **Departure**