



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

We welcome you to this special Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this special Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves for the Word of God. Please mute your device microphone when you hear this signal, and leave your device muted for the entire worship service. Feel free to participate in responses and hymns while your device is muted.

Following worship we invite you to join in fellowship with other Zoom worshippers.

Join our Zoom worship service by clicking the link below (Thursday beginning at 6:45 pm):

[Click here to Zoom](#)

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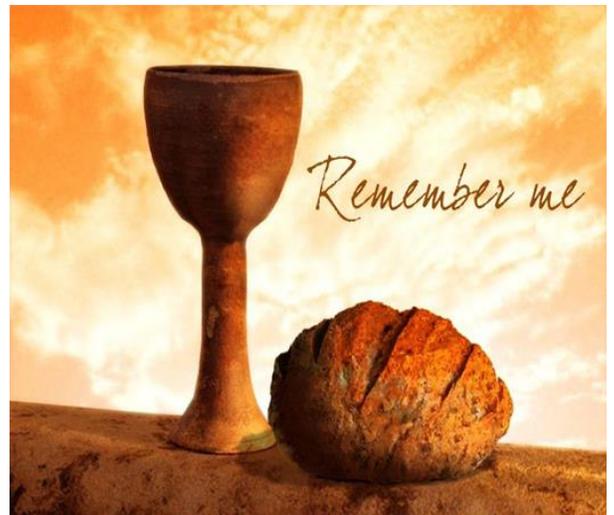
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**Welcome to the
TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Castine, Maine
Maundy Thursday
A Service of Communion and Tenebrae**

April 14, 2022	7:00 pm
Pastor:	Gary Hatter
Guest Musician:	Dana Polojarvi
Deacon:	Ruth Anne Vagt
Lectors	Elise Adams, Ginger Snapp-Cunningham, John Cunningham, Jimmy Goodson, Ray Nualla, Don Small, Kim Smith, Ruth Anne Vagt
Zoom/YouTube Host	Amy Stewart
Ministers: All Members	

GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (**Responsively**)

We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, between blessing and curse.

We are gathered like the people of Israel, who were challenged to choose the way of life. Like them, we often follow the ways of death.

Yet, like them, we have the freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God. By our presence here, we are saying that we choose life.

Let us praise the God of love and life, who has called us to this place. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

NC 224

*When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Christ of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*From sacred head, from hands, and feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Forbid it, then, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to Christ's blood.*

*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.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**Unison**)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to name, 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, and open to us a future in which we can be changed. We hold up our sins for your grace and forgiveness.

A moment for silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (**Unison**)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

A MEDITATION

*HYMN

Christ at Table There with Friends

NC 227

*Christ at the table there with friends
Sharing bread and wine, and then
Speaking words of mystery:
"thus remember me, thus remember me."*

*"Yet, your will, not mine, be done.
For this purpose I am come.
Thus to make all people new I
Take this cup from you, I take this cup from you."*

*In the garden Jesus bows,
Harsh the cry that rises now;
"Gather, some way let it be!
Take this cup from me, take this cup from me!"*

*At our table Jesus stands,
Word of God with nail-scarred hands.
"Come, receive the mystery.
Take this cup from me, take this cup from me."*

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER (**Unison**)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

HYMN

On a Hill Far Away (verses 1-3)

NC 195

*On a hill far away
stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross
where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Oh, that old rugged cross,
so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God
Left the glory of heaven
To bear it to cold Calvary. REFRAIN*

REFRAIN

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

*In that old rugged cross,
which bore Love so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For upon that old cross
Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. REFRAIN*

FIRST READING
Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26:20 – 25

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”



SECOND READING
Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26:31 – 35

Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

THIRD READING
Agony of the Soul

Luke 22:39 – 44

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

FOURTH READING
Unshared Vigil

Mark 14:32 – 41

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep?”



Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

FIFTH READING

“Father, the hour is come”

John 17:1 – 6

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

SIXTH READING

“That they may all be one”

John 17:15 – 22

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

”I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one.

SEVENTH READING

Arrest in the Garden

John 18:1 – 5

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

EIGHTH READING

Shadow of the Cross

Mark 15:16 – 20

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

THE FINAL WORD

BENEDICTION

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE AND REFLECTION

