

"BROOD OVER OUR SPIRITS ...

POUR OUT UPON US

WHATEVER OUR SPIRITS NEED

OF SHOCK, OF LIFT, OF RELEASE

THAT WE MAY FIND STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS —

COURAGE AND HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

IN CONFIDENCE

WE REST IN THY SUSTAINING GRACE

WHICH MAKES POSSIBLE TRIUMPH IN DEFEAT,

GAIN IN LOSS, AND LOVE IN HATE."

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HOWARD THURMAN

MAUNDY THURSDAY
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

April 1, 2021

Half after seven o'clock

*Welcome to our online worship service.
The order of service is designed for worshipers
to participate in the prayers and hymns from home.
Please add your voice to our virtual congregation!*

PRELUDE O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *Bach*
Steven Jensen, organist

INTROIT I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say *Charles Harriss*
*I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, Weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
I heard the voice of Jesus say: "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived. And now I live in him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say: "I am this dark world's Light; Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that Light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*
Joseph Krohlow, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP *Peter Abelard, 12th century*

One: *This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping,
when powers of darkness overcome the day,
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil
where by our sins the Son of Man betray.*

All: *This night the traitor, wolf within the sheepfold,
betrays himself into his victim's will,
the Lamb of God for sacrifice preparing:
sin brings about the cure for sin's own ill.*

One: *This night Christ institutes his holy supper,
blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
this night injustice joins its hand to treason's,
and buys the ransom price of humankind.*

All: This night the Lord by slaves shall be arrested,
he who destroys our slavery to sin;
accused of crime, to criminals be given,
that judgment on the righteous Judge begin.
O make us sharers, Savior, of your Passion,
that we may share your glory that shall be;
let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow
to Easter's laughter and its liberty.

HYMN 494 (stz.1-4) Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51

*One: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to Thy steadfast love;*

All: According to Thy abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

*One: For I know my transgressions
and my sin is ever before me.
Against Thee have I sinned,
and done what is evil in Thy sight.*

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and steadfast spirit within me.

*One: Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy holy spirit from me.*

All: Merciful God, Your faith in us shames our
ambivalent loyalties and our wavering trust.
We confess our failures in discipleship:
we have betrayed the Christ because he did not suit
our purposes or meet our needs;
we have denied the Christ because he threatened
our security and demanded too much risk;
we have abandoned the Christ because his suffering
was more than we would share.
Lead us once more to Your table and nourish us in
Your grace, so that, forgiven and renewed,
we will live to the glory of the One
who lived and died for us.

Lord have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

*One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

All: Peace be with you.

RESPONSE (*worshippers sing*)

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
Make all our moments calm and bright;
O chase the night of sin away,
Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK CHAPTER 14

WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

Dr. Block

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MARK 14:1-11

"...in remembrance of her."

PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE OFFERING

*As we listen to the Offertory, we offer our thanks
for the gifts we receive from the heart and hand of God,
and contemplate how we may offer our gifts to meet the needs of others.
During Holy Week we invite giving to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering.
Tithes and offerings may be sent to the church office
or you may make your gift electronically. Please see the options below.*

OFFERTORY In the Cross of Christ I Glory *arr. by Held*

MARK 14: 12-16

"On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread ..."

THE OFFERING of bread and wine

The meal is prepared; the elements are brought to the table.

MARK 14: 17-21

" ... one of you will betray me."

SILENT REFLECTION

Ann Weems

Holy is the week ...

The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.

The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is immanent.

Eat, drink, remember:

On this night of nights, each one must ask,

as we dip our bread in the wine,

"Is it I?"

THE INVITATION

One: Jesus was always the guest.

*All: In the homes of Peter and Simon,
Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna,
he was always the guest.*

*At the meal tables of the wealthy
where he pled the case of the poor,
he was always the guest.*

*Upsetting polite company,
befriending isolated people,
welcoming the stranger,
he was always the guest.*

One: But here, at this table, he is the host.

*All: Those who wish to serve him
must first be served by him,
those who want to follow him
must first be fed by him.*

*One: For this is the table
where God intends us to be nourished;
this is the time when Christ can make us new.
So come, you who hunger and thirst
for a deeper faith,
for a better life,
for a fairer world.*

*Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables,
now invites us to be guests at his.
What we do here,
we do in imitation of what Christ first did.*

All: To his followers in every age,
Jesus gave an example and command
rooted in the experience he shared
with his disciples
in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*One: It is indeed right, for You made us,
and before us, You made the world we inhabit,
and before the world, You made the eternal home
in which, through Christ, we have a place.*

All: All that is spectacular, all that is plain
have their origin in You;
all that is lovely, all who are loving
point to You as their fulfillment.

*One: And grateful as we are for the world we know
and the universe beyond our ken,
we particularly praise You,
whom eternity cannot contain,
for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.*

All: For his life which informs our living,
for his compassion which changes our hearts,
for his clear speaking
which contradicts our harmless generalities,
for his disturbing presence,
his innocent suffering,
his fearless dying,
his rising to life breathing forgiveness,
we praise you and worship him.

*One: Here too our gratitude rises
for the promise of the Holy Spirit,
who even yet, even now,
confronts us with your claims
and attracts us to your goodness.
Therefore we gladly join our voices
to the song of the Church
on earth and in heaven:*

SANCTUS *(worshippers sing)*

Tune: Quebec

Holy our Lord, our God of might,
Heaven and earth with glory bright;
Hosanna in the highest sing
To him who our salvation brings.

*One: And now, lest we believe
that our praise alone fulfils your purpose,
we fall silent and remember him who came
because words weren't enough.*

*All: Setting our wisdom,
our will,
our words aside,
emptying our hearts,
and bringing nothing in our hands,
we yearn for the healing,
for the holding,
the accepting,
the forgiving
which Christ alone can offer.*

*One: Merciful God, send now, in kindness,
Your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine
and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.
And let that same Spirit rest on us,
converting us from the patterns of this world,
until we are transformed to the shape
of the One whose food we now share.*

All: Amen.

Adapted from the *Liturgy for Holy Communion*
from the Iona Community in Scotland

MARK 14: 22 THE BREAKING OF BREAD

"Take; this is my body ..."

MARK 14: 23-25 THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

"He took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them ..."

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: The One whom the universe could not contain,
is present to us in this bread.
The One who redeemed us and called us by name
now meets us in this cup.
So take this bread and this wine.
In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.*

SOLO

Agnus Dei

Georges Bizet

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE RESPONSE

*One: Jesus, firstborn of Mary,
All: Have mercy on us.
One: Jesus, Savior of the world,
All: Have mercy on us.
One: Jesus, monarch of heaven,
All: Have mercy on us.*

HYMN 498 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken *Beach Spring*

MARK 14: 26-31

"...I will not deny you."

REFLECTION

"To Overcome Evil"

Howard Thurman

MARK 14: 32-36

"... yet not what I want ..."

REFLECTION

from "In the Garden"

Howard Thurman

THE 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 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.*

MARK 14: 37-39

"He came and found them sleeping ... "

SOLO "Biblical Songs" Number 3 (Psalm 55:1-2, 4-8)

Dvořák

*Hear, O hear my prayer, Lord my God, and hide not Thyself
from my entreaty. Hear my prayer, O hear my prayer.*

To the voice of my mourning give ear.

*O, Lord hear my prayer. Pained and sore is my heart,
the fear of death lies heavy upon me and terror hath encompassed me.*

*And thus I spake: O, had I wings like a silver dove, I would fly far away
and be at rest. Ah, far would I fly and rest me.*

*The wilderness my home would I make. I would escape far from the storm winds,
tempest or the fear of death.*

MARK 14: 40

"And once more he came and found them sleeping ..."

REFLECTION

"Our Little Lives"

Howard Thurman

MARK 14: 41-50

"... Judas, one of the twelve, arrived ..."

REFLECTION

"Every Person Must Decide"

Howard Thurman

MARK 14: 53-72

"And he broke down and wept."

REFLECTION

"Not Comfortless"

Howard Thurman

HYMN 836 Abide With Me

Eventide

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Walcha

*The service continues tomorrow evening
with the reading of Mark 15,
the trial, crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus.
Livestream at 7:30.*

GOOD FRIDAY + April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The **Good Friday Service of Tenebrae** ("darkness") moves through the Gospel of Mark's account of the crucifixion accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of light in the Sanctuary. The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross have been spoken and sung on Good Friday since the early centuries of Christianity. Echoing Psalm 78, they give voice to Christ's lament over our sin. At the end of the service only the Christ candle on the Communion Table remains lighted, symbolizing the hope of resurrection even in the darkest hours of sin and death.

EASTER EVE PROCESSION + April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The Easter Vigil has been adapted as an in-person, silent procession of light around and through the church building, reflecting the scriptural and sacramental traditions of the Vigil held on Holy Saturday.

Those planning to participate have been asked to pre-register for the purposes of contact tracing. Masks are required.

EASTER SUNDAY + April 4

9:45 Prelude concert; organ, tympani

Steven Jensen and Mike Lorenz

10:00 Morning Worship

Dr. Block preaching, "The End of Easter?"

Mozart's *Alleluia* and Handel's *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Kathryn Henry, soloist

11:15 Virtual coffee hour for all ages

MAKING YOUR OFFERING

While we are not worshipping in-person, members and friends of Immanuel Church may continue their giving by:

1. **Mailing a check** to the church office:
1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202
Note in the memo line how you'd like the amount recorded (to your pledge or another offering, like "One Great Hour of Sharing.")
2. **Going to our web site** at:
<https://www.immanuelwi.org/contribute>
3. **Scanning this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera. You will immediately be connected to giving options on the Immanuel web site.
4. **Texting 833-712-0259** (number for Immanuel giving only). Enter the amount in a message bubble and you will receive a registration link for payment information. You will then receive a verification by text and email. The next time you wish to make a gift, simply text that number, enter the amount, and it will be automatically processed.



The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering is a Lenten tradition at Immanuel Church and in Christian congregations around the country. The offering supports disaster relief, self-development, and hunger and health programs here and around the world. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be dedicated on Sunday, April 11. **Mail a check to Immanuel Church with One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line or donate online at:** <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs> or text OGHHS to 20222.

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