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Soloist **Mr. Nicholas Aynilian**

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

Sacrament of Communion
Thursday April 2, 2026
7:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor - Our Lord's Table is ready. The time to celebrate is here.
People- Praise God for Jesus Christ who made atonement for our sin once and for all.
Pastor - Let us celebrate then, not as though no change has taken place in our Life, but with rejoicing for being saved to a new life!
People – We come, dependent on God's mercy and forgiveness, but also with renewed dedication to live that new life.

****Hymn*** ~ The Old Rugged Cross Red Hymnal 189

Reflective Reading ~ *Hebrews 10:19-25*

Confession of Sin (In Unison)
O God, we confess with deep sorrow and regret that we have betrayed in thought, word, and deed the very Christ to whom we have pledged our allegiance, and have caused suffering to His body, the church. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to take this time as a precious opportunity to renew our faith, to deepen our commitment, and to resolve ourselves never to do anything that deviates from Jesus' teachings, detracts from His ministry, or defames His sacrifice on our behalf. In His name, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor- The Lord be with you.
People- And also with you.
Pastor- Lift up your hearts.
People- We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People- It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Pastor- Prayer
People- Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of our glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Choir Anthem O The Blood

Sermon ~ *John 18:1-10; 19:1-16* *"Before the Resurrection"*

Reading ~ *Imitating Christ's Humility* *Philippians 2:1-8*

Instrumental Interlude *Isaiah 53*

****Hymn*** ~ Let Us Break Bread Together Red Hymnal 267

Communion of the People

Solo~ O Sacred Head Now Wounded Nicholas Aynilian
Red Hymnal #34

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)
God of grace, Your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share His body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of His great love show in our lives the fruit of His redemption: through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading ~ *The Anointing of Jesus* *Mark 14:3-9*

*** ***Service Of Tenebrae*** ***

First Reading~ *Shadow of the Betrayer*
Matthew 26: 20-25

Silent Meditation

Second Reading~ *Alone in Gethsemane*
Matthew 26: 36-46

Hymn~ Go to Dark Gethsemane Blue Hymnal 281

Third Reading~ *The Arrest of Jesus*
Matthew 26: 47-56

Silent Meditation

Fourth Reading~ *Peter Denies Jesus*
Matthew 26: 69-75

Hymn ~ When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Red Hymnal 37

Fifth Reading~ *Pilate Questions Jesus*
Matthew 27: 11-14

Silent Meditation

Sixth Reading~ *Jesus is Sentenced to Death*
Matthew 27: 15-26

Silent Meditation

Seventh Reading~ *The Soldiers Make Fun of Jesus*
Matthew 27: 27-31

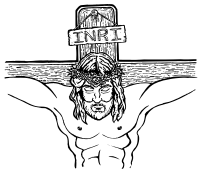
Silent Meditation

****Hymn*** ~ Beneath The Cross Of Jesus Red Hymnal 36

Postlude

Departure

ALL LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE



"Maundy" comes from a Latin word that means commandment. Jesus' new commandment to "Love one another even as I have loved you" is the focus of Maundy Thursday.

Jesus said, "Peace is my last gift to you, My own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you."

"Tenebrae" is the Latin term for shadows.