

Readings

Father/Mother, the Hour Has Come: John 17: 1-4, 6

That They May Be All One: John 17: 15-18

Musical Interlude: *To See the King of Heaven Fall* (st. 2)

Ken Reid

Readings

Arrest in the Garden: John 18: 1-5

Shadow of the Cross: Mark 15: 16-20

Musical Interlude: *To See the King of Heaven Fall* (st. 3)

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The Lord's Prayer

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

The congregation is invited to follow the light out to the narthex

Hymn: *Were You There?*

The Promise: John 14: 15-17

There is no Benediction because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning resurrection. Keep the faith in vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please depart in silence.

Please join us for a Good Friday Service, March 29

7:00 pm in the Family Life Center

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

"Easter Matters" by Rev. Bryan Harkness

Acts 17: 16-18, 22-27, 29-31

9:30 am – Connect Service in Family Life Center

with Praise Team

11:00 am - Traditional Service in Sanctuary with

Choir, Brass, Handbells and Keyboards



***A Service of Worship
for Holy Thursday***

March 28, 2024

First Methodist Church

Chandler, Texas

Call to Worship

One: God is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

All: God is the strength of my life: whom shall I dread?

One: I am seeking your presence, O God.

All: Do not abandon me to my foes.

**There are people who hate me;
there are things that control me;
there are places that frighten me.**

One: Trust in God. Stand fast and have courage.

All: Help us this night not to fall away.

**Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and give us the courage to withstand.**

Hymn: *The Old Rugged Cross*

No. 504

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Invocation for the Service of Light*

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God,

**you give us the sun to illumine the day
and the moon and the stars to shine by night.**

**Kindle in us the flame of your love
that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light
and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory;
through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. Amen**

Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

No. 206 (st. 1&2)

Prayer at the Lighting of the Candles

One: O Gracious Light, Pure brightness of the eternal Creator in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and Blessed!

**All: Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold your vesper light,
we sing your praises, Holy God, One in Trinity.**

One: You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Christ of God,
O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Lighting of the Table Candles

Anthem: *Bread of Life*

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

One: Let us pray:

All: Spirit of Christ, be with us now.

We may try to avoid this hour of trouble; we may not stay awake.

Help us to face our fear of the cross on which you died.

Help us face the crosses we must carry to honor your life.

Silence for Personal Confession

One: Let us continue:

All: We are your disciples.

And we too follow you with confusion and fear.

Strengthen us, we pray,

so that we may walk through life into death without fear;

through the night into eternal light. Amen

Reading The *Mandatum Novum* (New Commandment): John 13: 34-35

(The origin for the name Maundy Thursday)

Remembering The Last Supper

Hymns: *Come Sinner to the Gospel Feast*

No. 616

I Come With Joy

No. 617

Let Us Break Bread Together

No. 618

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

No. 614

The Service of Shadows: Tenebrae

Members of the congregation may extinguish their own candles at any time during the readings.

Readings

Shadow of Betrayal: Matthew 26: 20-22, 25

Shadow of Desertion: Matthew 26: 31a, 33-35

Hymn: *Ah Holy Jesus*

No. 289 (st. 1&2)

Readings

Agony of the Soul: Luke 22: 39-44

Unshared Vigil: Mark 14: 32-41

Musical Interlude: *To See the King of Heaven Fall* (st. 1)

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