

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1, 2010

PRELUDE *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Held

WELCOME AND INVITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN "Were You There?" See insert

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-11; 19:28-29

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON THE READING

ANTHEM *As I Have Done for You* See insert  
(Choir; Congregation sings refrain)

LITANY OF THE NAILS

L: Let us think about the first nail, remembering how the disciples fell asleep in Gethsemane while Jesus prayed. They could not stay awake. They were not able to "be there" with a friend who was hurting.

**P: O Lord, have mercy on us and lighten our darkness. We turn our backs on You when we fail to stand with our friends.**  
*(The striking of the first nail.)*

L: Let us think about the second nail, remembering how Peter three times denied that he knew Jesus. Peter, vexed and tired, denied his own Master—said he never knew him in order to save his own neck.

**P: O Lord, have mercy on us and lighten our darkness. We have denied You and our light is black.**  
*(The striking of the second nail.)*

SOLO *Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 1* See insert  
(Choir)

L: Let us think about the third nail, remembering how Judas betrayed Jesus. Judas loved his pride and rejected his master. Judas turned traitor and lost his way back.

**P: O Lord, have mercy on us and lighten our darkness. We have all been selfish and insisted on our own say, and our light is black.**  
*(The striking of the third nail.)*

L: Let us think about the fourth nail, remembering that the disciples wanted to protect Jesus from his arrestors by force. A knife to cut off an ear, violence to have their way.

**P: O Lord, have mercy on us and lighten our darkness. We betray you when we resort to force and live by the sword.**  
*(The striking of the fourth nail.)*

SOLO *Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 2* See insert  
(Choir)

L: Let us think about the fifth nail, remembering how the crowd shouted, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked the crowd to release him, but they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him! We don't want him back!"

**P: O Lord, have mercy on us and lighten our darkness. We have crucified you when we go along with the crowd and our light is indeed black.**  
*(The striking of the fifth nail.)*

L: Let us think about the sixth nail, remembering how our faith has been weak and we have lacked the courage to see the face of Jesus in the suffering faces in our world, in our community and even in our church.  
*(The striking of the sixth nail.)*

**P: But Lord, You DO have mercy on us! Christ's light and life shine brightly, even in the darkness of sin and death! Forgive us O Lord and by your grace, renew us in this supper, so that we may start afresh and serve with joy! Amen.**

HYMN *Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 3 & 4* See insert  
(Congregation)

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEDITATION

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP  
OFFERTORY *Jesu, Word of God Incarnate* Mozart

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Gluten-free, dairy-free, yeast-free rice crackers and separate juice is available for those with special dietary needs.*

SILENT REFLECTION

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

L: And when they had sung a hymn, they went out.

**P: There, all would desert him, and leave him to face trial and execution by himself.**

L: As we remember Jesus' walk through his lonesome valley, we remove everything that would distract us from Jesus' ordeal.

*(In silence, all liturgical vestments, flowers, flags, banners, the Communion ware and elements and the drape on the cross will be removed. Finally, the Christ Candle is removed, leaving the sanctuary in total darkness.)*

THE RETURN OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The people depart in silence.*

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*We give thanks to God for this Holy Time in preparation for Easter and for all the volunteers whose time and dedication made this service possible.*

**TO OUR GUESTS**

We welcome you to this very special service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae. In keeping with the solemnity of the moment, we ask that you leave the sanctuary in silence.

The **Annual Community Good Friday Worship Service** will begin at 12:00 noon tomorrow, here in our Sanctuary.

We will have two worship services on **Easter Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:00 am.** Our traditional Easter breakfast will be served in Hart Hall at 10:00 am.

**An FM system** is available for those who would appreciate sound amplification. **Large print bulletins** are also available. Ask an usher.

## Mission Statement

In awe, we Receive God's Grace and Gospel.  
In gratitude, we Respond with Worship and Servanthood.  
In love, we Represent Jesus Christ as we minister  
to transform lives in family, community and the world.

Interim Minister  
Pastor Emeritus  
Director of Christian Education  
Director of Music  
Youth Director  
Office Administrator  
Treasurer

Bill Lindeman  
Alfred A. Hart  
Carolyn Dzuro  
Muriel Homer  
Linda Duffy  
Cindi Dansizen  
Marcy Uhl

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Greeters  
Head Usher  
Ushers  
Sound Room

Shirley and Art Hook  
Mike Reighard  
Barb Lehmkuhl, Janet Parker, Joyce Shramo  
Larry Madson

## Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

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Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (Were you there?)

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Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? (Were you there?)

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Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

## Ah, Holy Jesus

*(Choir)*

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended, That mortal judgment has on You descended?  
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

*(Choir)*

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You? It is my treason, Lord that has undone  
You. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

*(Congregation)*

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation, Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,  
Your death of anguish and your bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You, I do adore You, and will ever praise You,  
Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, Not my deservings.