



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship

Maundy Thursday - Communion

April 2, 2026

LENTEN CHIMES

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE: "Could You Not Watch With Me?" Stainer - arr. Kendal

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen

* HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #221

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, tonight we have reached the familiar story of the night before the execution. There are times when we relate well to Jesus, but we forget that there are times we have been Judas, Peter, and the disciples. We allow ourselves to become part of someone's story of pain. Our words pierce another's hearts. We betray our neighbor instead of filling this world and another's soul with love. Instead of living with guilt, allow us to create peace around us and within us. Invite us to share our repentance and to reconcile whenever possible. May we love one another as you love us. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Through the redeeming love of Christ, God has poured grace upon us. May the mercy of God transform us into bearers of love in a wounded world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Heavenly Father, we come before You humbly, with hearts full of gratitude. We pray that You pour out Your light and wisdom upon us, so that we may understand the depths of Your love and grace on this Holy Night. Amen

MEDITATION: “The Darkness”

ANTHEM: “Tableau of Sorrow” - Martin (Faith Choir)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

“The Shadow of Betrayal”

Reading: Matthew 26:20-25 - Jeff Durham

HYMN: “Were You There” #228, verse 1

Were you there when they crucified my Lord.....

“The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit”

Reading: Matthew 26:36-50 – George Van Otten

HYMN: “Were You There” #228, verse 2

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree.....

“The Shadow of Desertion/Denial”

Reading: Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75 - Paul Lewis

HYMN: “Were You There” #228, verse 3

Were you there when they pierced him in the side.....

“The Shadow of Accusation”

Reading Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29 - Gene Raymond

HYMN: “Were You There” #228, verse 4

Were you there when the sun refused to shine.....

“The Shadow of Crucifixion & Humiliation”

Reading Matthew 27:31-43 - Judy Pike

HYMN: “Were You There” #228, verse 5

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb.....

“The Shadow of Death”

Reading Matthew 27:45-54 - Bill Brouwer

HYMN: “Were You There” #228, verse 1

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord.....

“The Shadow of Burial”

Reading Matthew 27:57-61 - Lisa Tuttle

ANTHEM: “Pieta” - Martin (Faith Choir)

SILENT REFLECTION

STRIPPING THE SANCTUARY

Stripping the sanctuary dramatizes the desolation, abandonment and darkness of the passion and death of our Lord.

WE GO OUT AS GOD’S CHILDREN

After the worship leaders and pastor process out, the rest of the congregation may leave the sanctuary in silence.

