

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

‡Musical Call to Worship

O Sacred Head

arr. Leavitt

*‡ Welcome

Opening Sentences

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

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

Leader: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

People: This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

Leader: This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

*‡Hymn No. **30**

O God, in a Mysterious Way

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Prayer

The First Candle

Matthew 26:1-19

*Hymn No. **220**

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The Second Candle

Matthew 26:20-29

Meditation

Was Judas' Betrayal of Jesus Necessary?

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer

(Traditional)

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*Come forward up the center aisle,
starting from the back of the sanctuary, to receive the elements. Gluten free wafers are available on
the table. We will serve worshipers in the pew who prefer to stay seated.*

Prayer after Communion

30 O God, in a Mysterious Way

1 O God, in a mys - te - rious way great won - ders you per - form.
 2 Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
 3 O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take. The clouds you so much dread
 4 Our un - be - lief is sure to err and scan your work in vain.

You plant your foot-steps in the sea and ride up - on the storm.
 you trea - sure up your bright de - signs and work your sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 You are your own in - ter - pret - er, and you will make it plain.

This classic text gains renewed energy and focus from its recasting here: despite our fear and confusion, we can trust that God's providential purposes will eventually be revealed. In its original source the tune printed here is one of twelve not assigned to a specific hymn.

220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fer - ing,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.

The Third Candle		Matthew 26:30-46
Anthem	<i>In Love Christ Came Among Us</i>	arr. Martin
The Fourth Candle		Matthew 26:47-68
*Hymn No. 187	<i>Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	BRADBURY
The Fifth Candle		Matthew 26:69-75
Anthem	<i>And When It Was Evening</i>	Litton
The Sixth Candle		Matthew 27:1-14
The Seventh Candle		Matthew 27:15-31
Silence		
The Eighth Candle		Matthew 27:32-50
*Hymn No. 727	<i>Will You Let Me Be Your Servant</i>	THE SERVANT SONG
The Ninth Candle		Matthew 27:51-54
Stripping the Church		
*All Depart in Silence		

**(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

Serving in Worship Tonight

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh, Interim Pastor
Marianne Burch, Liturgist
Tyler Morris, Director of Chancel Choir
Kelsey Wise, Organist
Chancel Choir

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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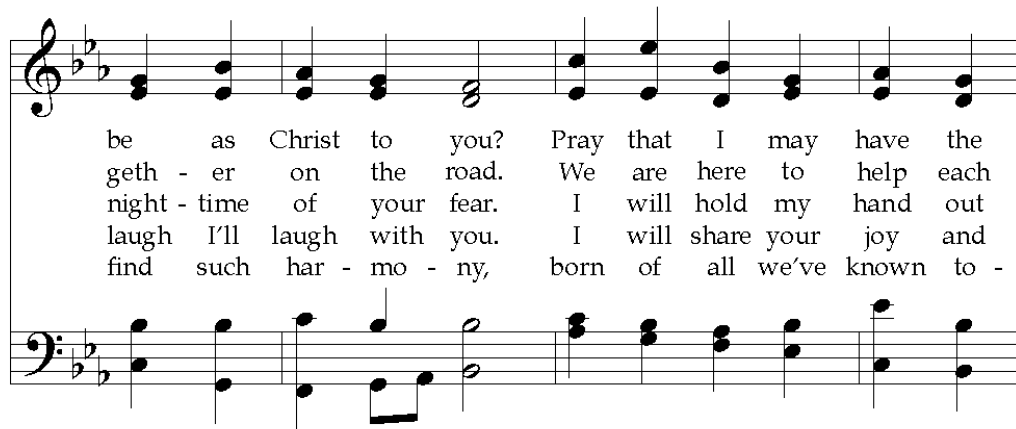
This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.

MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham

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THE SERVANT SONG

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Worship Notes

As is our annual custom, we visually mark our progress through Lent with black drapes progressively covering our stained-glass windows. Each week more of the windows are hidden until on Good Friday they will be entirely covered. On Easter morning we remove the drapes and rejoice in the warmth and light that are restored to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Love Christ Came Among Us (Anthem)

by Joseph Martin

In love, Christ came among us, coming not as king,
But as a tiny baby born in Bethlehem;
And we knew him not, and we knew him not,
And we know him not!

With grace, he walked among us,
Showed us how to love:
Giving, teaching, healing, calling us to God;
And we followed not.

Ah, holy Jesus, who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee.
I crucified thee.

In love, Christ came among us and went to Calvary.
The perfect Lamb of God died to set us free,
And still we loved him not, and we followed not,
And we knew him not.

Kyrie eleison.

And When It Was Evening (Anthem)

by Ken Litton

And when it was evening, they gathered.
They broke bread and shared the cup.
For this is my body, he taught them.
This is the blood shed for you.

Then, like a servant, he knelt down.
He took a towel to wash their feet.
For this is the lesson he taught them:
Go serve the world as I serve you.

And when they followed to the garden,
Again, he bowed, this time to pray.
Then, as he cried out in grief and anguish,
The forces of darkness came to take him away.

And then they remembered his warning,
For he had said this time would come.
The sins of the world are my burden.
This is the love I have for you.