



**Worship Service for April 17, 2025
Maundy Thursday**

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Pam Conyne
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Call to Worship	Pam Conyne

LEADER: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

ALL: Jesus calls us to this supper of remembrance

LEADER: We are called to serve and to be served.

**ALL: As we break the bread and share the cup, we
seek a deeper understanding of our faith and
unity.**

LEADER: We pledge to remember Jesus' example.

ALL: We pledge to walk the path of God's love.

***Hymn** Congregation

TNCH #389 "A New Commandment" vs. 3 & 8

Jesus a new commandment has given us:

that we should love each other
just as our God loves us.
(x2)

Christ, the Light, the Truth, and true Life,
bids us share our love and pardon.

Jesus a new commandment has given us:
that we should love each other
just as our God loves us.

Let us come to Jesus' table
with our love for one another.

Jesus a new commandment has given us:
that we should love each other
just as our God loves us.
(x2)

Prayer For Illumination

Pam Conyne

ALL: Gracious God, may your truth illumine our minds and understanding. May your truth kindle in us the flame of your light. Guide us as we read the Gospel stories of the last days of Jesus' life here on earth.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Plymouth United General Fund

Biblical Witness

Bill Hoffman

John 13:34 - 35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Contemporary Witness

Pam Conyne

Mother Theresa

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

“Intense love does not measure, it just gives.”

Reflection

Bill Hoffman

“The CHRISTIAN Commandment”

Moment of Silent Meditation

Pastor Felix Carrión

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #498 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” vs. 1 & 3

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,

show us how to serve

The neighbors we have from you.

Knelt at the feet of his friends,

silently washing their feet,
Jesu, you acted as a servant to them

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve

The neighbors we have from you.

There are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
All these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

Invitation and Communion Prayer Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: Welcome, friends, to this holy sharing.

ALL: Welcome to offer love.

PASTOR: Welcome to this time set apart.

ALL: A time to remember the holy promises of God.

PASTOR: Welcome to this table of remembrance and joy,

**ALL: where we are fed the feast of life in the bread
and cup.**

Communion Prayer

Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup

Sharing the Elements

Jesus's Prayer

**ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,
Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is
heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes through
the universe! The way of your justice be followed by
the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustains
our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we
need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from**

one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

Service Of Tenebrae: Readings And Extinguishing Of Lights

Pam Conyne

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

ALL: Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

First Reading - Shadow of Betrayal

Mary Lowell

Matthew 26:20-25

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.' And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, 'Surely not I, Lord?'

He answered, 'The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.' Judas, who betrayed him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?' He replied, 'You have said so.'

Second Reading - Shadow of Desertion

Pam Conyne

Matthew 26:31-35

Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.' Peter said to him, 'Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.' Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' Peter said to him, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And so said all the disciples

Third Reading - Agony of the Soul

Marshall Davies

Luke 22:39-44

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the

time of trial.’ Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ‘Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.’ Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

Fourth Reading - Unshared Vigil

Ambe Hoffman

Mark 14:32-41

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.’ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’

Fifth Reading - “Father, the hour is come”

Bill Hoffman

John 17:1-6

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given

him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Sixth Reading - "That they may all be one"

Michael Ann LaBonte

John 17:15-19

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Seventh Reading - Arrest in the Garden

Judy Walden

John 18:1-5

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was

a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, 'For whom are you looking?' They answered, 'Jesus of Nazareth.' Jesus replied, 'I am he.' Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

Eighth Reading - Shadow of the Cross

Pastor Felix Carrión

Mark 15:16-20

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

The Final Reading - Born of God

Pastor Felix Carrión

John 1:14

To all who receive and believe the light of truth are born of God.

Invitation to Move to the Prayer Garden for a Time of Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Depart in Silence

Congregation

Today's Worship Participants

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