



**Worship Service for April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday**

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Jan Lundy
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Call to Worship	Jan Lundy

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 “Un Mandamiento nuevo”
vs. 3*

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

Un man-da-mien-to nue-vo Je-sús nos dio
Que nos a-me-mos siem-pre
co-mo nos a-ma Dios.

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

Cris-to, Luz, Ver-dad y Vi-da
al per-dón y~a-mor in-vi-ta.

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

Prayer For Illumination

Jan Lundy

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

Jan Lundy

Plymouth United General Fund

Biblical Witness

Rev. Ron Krueger

John 18:33 - 38

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world,

my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him.

Contemporary Witness

Jan Lundy

*Excerpt from Born of a Woman
by John Shelby Spong*

[Jesus] did not manifest any power symbols in his life. He had no wealth; indeed, he had no place to lay his head. Even the foxes had holes, and the birds, their nests, but this Jesus was a homeless person (Matt. 8:28). He led no army, held no office, exercised no authority, and, clearly, he had been executed. He died, and that death was real. ...When his words were remembered, he fit neither the mythic hero image nor the messianic image. He claimed no power.

Rather he said things like: unless you become like little children (powerless children), you will never enter the kingdom heaven (Matt. 18:3). He said the last shall be first (Mark 10:31). He washed the feet of the disciples (John 13:1-11). "I am among you as one who serves," he stated (Luke 22:27). He exhorted them to decline power images, not to lord it over people as the kings of the Gentiles did (Luke 22:25).

... His strength, strangely enough, lay in his willingness to sacrifice himself to his enemies. His life was a call to reverse the standards of the world. In that world, importance was achieved by having power over others; serving others was thought to be demeaning. When this self-giving Jesus was crucified, he refused to defend himself. He accepted the whips and nails of his tormentors, and he died praying for them (Luke 23:34). His life was too vivid to be forgotten, too real to be ignored.

Reflection

Rev. Ron Krueger

"A Different Kind of King"

Moment of Silent Meditation

Pastor Felix Carrión

*Hymn

Congregation

*TNCH #229 "Were You There?"
vs. 1, 3, & 4*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?
Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?

Were you there when Christ rose up from the tomb?
Were you there when Christ rose up from the tomb?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when Christ rose up from the tomb?

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.

Meaning of the Service of Tenebrae Pastor Felix Carrión

Service Of Tenebrae: Readings And Extinguishing Of Lights

Jan Lundy

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

Jan Lundy

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

Margaret Stone

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

Andrew Laham

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” Pam Laham

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"

Cii-jayy Jones

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

Mary Davis

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

Sylvia Ortiz

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.

Draping of the Altar

Pastor Felix Carrión

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

Pastor Felix Carrión

Depart in Silence

Congregation

Tonight's Worship Participants

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