

Tenebrae Service

Maundy Thursday, 29 March 2018, 7.30pm

Cashmere Presbyterian Church

combined with St Augustines Anglican Church

Lead by: Rev. Silvia Purdie and Rev. Matthew Ling

Organist: David Troughton

Hand washing: need bowls & towels

Readers: Matthew, Cecile, Ian, Silvia

7 candles in stand + Christ candle (purple one)

2 pottery bowls – warm water, towels, soap

1 large table, dark red tablecloth

goblet and plate from Kowhai Lounge

port and bun and wafers

Song ideas:

WOV 253: The moon shines bright

WOV 255: O sacred head sore wounded

WOV 257: My song is love unknown

WOV 265: In the cross of Christ I glory

Covenant song: I have made a covenant with my chosen

Hymn 561: Kneels at the feet of his friends

Welcome

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, with all whom you love, and all whom you pray for, here in the quietness of this Holy night.

May the grace and hope of God sustain us through the dark.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki. Kororia ki to matou kaiwhakaora, Ihu Karaiti.

All glory be to our saviour Jesus Christ.

Psalm 89: 1-8: God's great love

Matthew

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; I will speak of your faithfulness to all generations.

Your love stands firm forever! Your faithfulness fills heaven and earth!

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant:

'I will establish your line forever and your throne through all generations.'

The heavens praise your wonders O LORD.

Assemblies of angels praise your faithfulness.

For who in the skies can compare with the LORD?

Our God is more awesome than all who surround him.

Who is like you, LORD God Almighty?

Hymn 257: My song is love unknown, verses 1-5

Prayer of confession

Silvia

To the words: "We come to you,"

our response is: ***"For you alone can make us whole."***

Here we are, Lord, wrapped up in our troubles
Here are our fears, for ourselves, for those we love
and for our world

...

in our anxiety and worry

We come to you -

For you alone can make us whole

Here we are, Lord, frustrated by the wrongness of things
annoyed with people who should know better
disappointed, hurt, even betrayed

...

in our judgment and criticism

We come to you -

For you alone can make us whole

Here we are, Lord, empty inside
Here we name what we have lost
the people we miss and all that will never be.

...

in our sadness and grief

We come to you -

For you alone can make us whole

Here we are, Lord, cross with ourselves

for we have heard the cock crow and seen our own failure

...

in our guilt and shame

We come to you -

For you alone can make us whole

We come to you because you came to us

in Jesus Christ, our teacher, our friend

He reached into our pain and made us whole

Through his suffering and surrender he has brought us to you,

and we rest in your peace, Lord of all. Amen.

Psalm 89: 8-18: God's righteousness and power

Ian

You rule the surging sea;

you calm the rising waves.

You crush the serpent,

you scatter your enemies with your strong arm.

The heavens are yours, the earth is yours;

you formed the world and all that is in it.

You created north and south;

lands to the north and the south sing for joy at your name.

Righteousness and justice are your foundation;

love and faithfulness go out before you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

who walk in the light of your presence.

You are our glory and strength,

your favour is our shield.

Hymn 561: Kneels at the feet of his friends

Hand Washing

You are invited to come forward to have your hands washed by Silvia and Matthew, as a sign of God's cleansing, forgiveness, and the call to humble service.

Psalm 89: 19-37: God's covenant with David

Silvia

*Ethan the Ezrahite received a vision from the Lord,
a sacred promise. God promised this people:*

I have raised up a young man from among the people.
I have found David my servant; and anointed him with holy oil.
My hand will sustain him; my arm will strengthen him.
The enemy will not overwhelm him; the wicked will not oppress him.
My faithful love will be with him,
I will lift him high and set him over the oceans.
He will call out to me,
'You are my Father, my God, my Rock, my Savior.'
I will appoint him, my firstborn, most exalted king.
I will uphold him in my love forever,
my covenant with him will never fail,
his line will continue forever
his throne endure like the sun; and outlast the moon.
This I covenant, I swear by my holiness", said the Lord.

Hymn 636: He came singing love

Psalm 89: 38-45: The Covenant broken

Matthew

*Then the vision twisted and crumpled;
instead of victory Ethan the Ezrahite saw the king fallen and broken.
Psalm 89 flips on a terrible "but":*
But you have rejected your anointed one,
you have spurned your Messiah in anger.
You have broken the covenant with your servant,
defiled his crown in the dirt.
You have broken down his walls,
reduced his defences to ruins.
All who pass by plunder him;
all who see him heap scorn on him.
His enemies rejoice at his down-fall.
You abandoned him in battle.
You crushed his splendor,
dashed his throne to the ground.
cut short his days,
covered him with shame.

Hymn 255: O sacred head sore wounded (verses 1 & 2)

Communion

Silvia

Informal Communion Liturgy for Maundy Thursday

This night, this Maundy Thursday, is a pause in the Easter action,
an intimate moment, an Upper Room space
where Jesus and his closest friends sit together at table
and eat and drink and talk
as they have done so many times before
but this night, this Maundy Thursday is cut through with the strongest emotions. It
unfolds with words and actions that shock and
challenge every expectation ... of friendship, of service, of leadership.
It is a night of great love and great pain.
At the centre is a meal, a holy feast, which has continued through the centuries as
a central experience of grace
In the midst of fear and betrayal, it is a celebration of covenant.
In the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine God speaks of promise
I have made a covenant with my chosen.
I have established my servant in my promise.
and the people reply: *We will sing of the Lord's great love forever.*
Your faithfulness endures to all generations.
Old covenant, broken by betrayal. New covenant, forged in brokenness.

This night, this Maundy Thursday,
come sit at this table of covenant promise
not because you have any right to,
but because Jesus is the Lord of this table
and he calls you
he welcomes you
he offers you his very self
in the washing of feet and in the breaking of bread
that you might be formed in the heart of God.

You are invited to come forward to receive bread and either grape juice or wine.

Hymn 255: O sacred head sore wounded (verses 3 & 4)

Psalm 89: 46-52: Remember your love! Silvia

How long, LORD? Will you hide yourself forever?

How long will your anger burn?

Remember, Lord, our short and futile lives!

Who can escape the power of the grave?

Where, Lord? Where is your great love?

Where is your faithfulness, your vow to David?

Do you see, Lord, your servant mocked?

'I carry in my heart the taunts of all nations'

With every step your Messiah is mocked and abused.

Praise be to the LORD forever!

Amen and Amen.

Lights out

The Liturgy of the Shadows *Silvia extinguish candles*

1. The Shadow of Betrayal: Mark 14:26-31 *(Cecile)*

Extinguish the First Candle while saying:

The Shadow of Betrayal.

Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

2. The Shadow of Inner Agony: Mark 14:32-36 *(Matthew)*

Extinguish the second candle

The Shadow of Inner Agony

Kyrie Eleison ...

3. The Shadow of Loneliness: Mark 14:37-42 *(Cecile)*

Extinguish the third candle

The Shadow of Loneliness

Kyrie Eleison ...

4. The Shadow of Accusation: Mark 14: 53-59 *(Matthew)*

Extinguish the fifth candle

The Shadow of Accusation.

Kyrie Eleison ...

5. The Shadow of Desertion: Mark 14: 66-71 *(Cecile)*

Extinguish the fourth candle

The Shadow of Desertion

Kyrie Eleison ...

6. The Shadow of Mockery: Mark 15:16-20 *(Matthew)*

Extinguish the sixth candle

The Shadow of Mockery

Kyrie Eleison ...

7. The Shadow of Death: Mark 15:33-39 *(Cecile)*

Extinguish the seventh candle

The Shadow of Death

Kyrie Eleison ...

The Christ Candle is extinguished while saying

It is finished.

Music for reflection: 'For God so loved the world'
from The Crucifixion by John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
But have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.

The Tenebrae service concludes quietly, with no benediction. You are welcome to stay and sit a while. Please respect the silence as you leave.

Psalm 89: The Chosen One

Psalm 89 is a 'game of two halves'. The first half tells us about the Covenant between God and his Chosen One, to raise him up as King forever. Then – WHAM – suddenly the Covenant is busted and the Chosen One is road-kill! Psalm 89 helps us understand why the cross was "foolishness to the Greeks and a stumbling block to the Jews" (1 Corinthians 1:23). Here it is in two voices: one is the Father's voice, the other a witness to the crucifixion.

I have made a covenant with my Chosen
My promise will outlast time
I crown him as King forever!
Him? King forever? His crown is made of thorns!
He is whipped and bleeding, spat on and laughed at.
I have blessed him mightily
poured out oil on his head
so all will know that I am with him and I am the Lord!
So where are you now? Have you deserted him now?
Are you hiding? Your Messiah is dying!
My promise cannot be broken!
His kingdom will shine like the sun
and outlive the moon.
He is carrying in himself all the insults,
all the wrong of all the people.
How could you let this happen, God!?
My Chosen One, my Son -
He will break the power of death!
My love is greater! My promise stands!
Blessed be the Father of Love
and the Crucified King,
with the Spirit, forever and ever!
Amen and amen!

The Liturgy of the Shadows

1. The Shadow of Betrayal: Mark 14:26-31 *(Cecile)*

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

²⁷ “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written:

“I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.”^[d]

²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

²⁹ Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

³⁰ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice^[e] you yourself will disown me three times.”

³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

Extinguish the First Candle while saying:

The Shadow of Betrayal.

Sing: Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

2. The Shadow of Inner Agony: Mark 14:32-36 *(Matthew)*

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ “Abba,^[f] Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Extinguish the second candle

The Shadow of Inner Agony

Kyrie Eleison ...

3. The Shadow of Loneliness: Mark 14:37-42 *(Cecile)*

³⁷ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

Extinguish the third candle
The Shadow of Loneliness
Kyrie Eleison ...

4. The Shadow of Accusation: Mark 14: 53-59 *(Matthew)*

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

⁵⁵ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷ Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸ “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” ⁵⁹ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

Extinguish the fifth candle
The Shadow of Accusation.
Kyrie Eleison ...

5. The Shadow of Desertion: Mark 14: 66-71 *(Cecile)*

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

“You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said.

⁶⁸ But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway.^[9]

⁶⁹ When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” ⁷⁰ Again he denied it.

After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.”

⁷¹ He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.”

Extinguish the fourth candle

The Shadow of Desertion

Kyrie Eleison ...

6. The Shadow of Mockery: Mark 15:16-20 (*Matthew*)

¹⁶ The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷ They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸ And they began to call out to him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" ¹⁹ Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰ And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Extinguish the sixth candle

The Shadow of Mockery

Kyrie Eleison ...

7. The Shadow of Death: Mark 15:33-39 (*Cecile*)

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").^[b]

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died,^[c] he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Extinguish the seventh candle

The Shadow of Death

Kyrie Eleison ...

*The Christ Candle is extinguished while saying
It is Finished.*