



First Presbyterian Church Endicott, New York

April 1, 2010

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENDICOTT, NEW YORK

April 1, 2010 7:30 P.M.

Maundy Thursday

The Service of Tenebrae

Our service is an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae service dating from the 8th century. It is a service of worship that moves from light to darkness, with the fading light symbolizing the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus.

THE PRELUDE

The Cold of Between by Rima Greer

Mary-El Ringers

OPENING WORDS OF PRAISE

Leader: And then they drew near to Jerusalem, at the Mount of Olives. He sent two of His disciples. And they went away, and found a colt tied, and they untied it. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it; and He sat upon it. And many spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who were before and those who followed cried out:

People: **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed be the kingdom of our father David that is coming. Hosanna in the highest!**

*OPENING SONG

Jesus Messiah by Chris Tomlin (see insert)

Worship Team/Congregation

INVOCATION

Almighty God, how quickly things moved from celebration to sorrow. Help us to be mindful of those events that occurred in the life of Jesus during that last week in Jerusalem. As we become aware of the manner in which the disciples, the members of the crowd and others failed him, we pray that you will quicken our hearts that we might not be guilty of the same sins today. For those occasions when we have failed to exert a strong witness for You, forgive us. Amen.

THE DARKNESS OF MISUNDERSTANDING

WORDS IN THE TEMPLE

A Litany based on the scriptures of Mark 11:15-18 and John 12:28-36

Leader: And Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple. And he taught and said to them:

Choir: **Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations! But you have made it a den of robbers."**

Leader: And the chief priests and scribes heard it and sought a way to destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the multitude was astonished at His teaching. Then a voice came from heaven. The crowd standing by heard it and said that it had thundered. Jesus answered:

Choir: **This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now shall the ruler of this world be cast out: and I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.**

Leader: He said this to show what death He was to die. The crowd answered Him:

People: **We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of man must be lifted up? Who is the Son of man?**

Choir: **Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so**

that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Blest Are They by David Haas

The Chancel Choir

(THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.)

THE DARKNESS OF BETRAYAL

WORDS IN THE UPPER ROOM

Matthew 26:20-29 (N.T. pg. 30)

HYMN #94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

(vss. 1-4)

THE COMMUNION

(Please read instructions in plastic bag containing unleavened bread given out with the bulletins.)

(THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED)

THE DARKNESS OF TEMPTATION

WORDS IN THE GARDEN

Matthew 26:30, 31, 36-46

HYMN #97

"Go To Dark Gethsemane"

(vss. 1 & 2)

(THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED)

THE DARKNESS OF INJUSTICE

WORDS OF THE TRIAL

Mark 14:53, 57-64; Mark 15:1-5, Luke 23:7, 11

HYMN #92

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

(vss. 1 & 2)

(THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED)

THE DARKNESS OF DENIAL

WORDS OF THE COURTYARD

Mark 14:66-72

HYMN #93

Ah, Holy Jesus

(vss. 1 & 2)

(THE FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED)

THE DARKNESS OF REJECTION

WORDS BEFORE PILATE

John 18: 28-38a, Matthew 27:24

Leader 1: Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers of the people, and said to them:

Leader 2: You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people: and after examining Him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against Him; neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him; I will therefore chastise Him and release Him.

Leader 1: But they all cried out together:

People: Crucify Him! Crucify Him!

Leader 2: Why, what evil has He done? I found in Him no crime deserving of death; I will therefore chastise Him and release Him.

Leader 1: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified:

People: Crucify Him! Crucify Him!

Leader 1: When Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that their demands should be granted.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

"A No-Win Situation"

Rev. Jan Devine

SENDING SONG

At the Foot of the Cross by Kathryn Scott

Worship Team

(THE SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Cold of Between by Rima Greer

Mary-El Ringers

As you leave, please maintain silence until you have left the Sanctuary so that those who remain have an opportunity for meditation and prayer.