

HOLY WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

MUSIC FOR GATHERING O Sacred Head

OPENING SENTENCES:

The cross... We shall take it.
The bread... We shall break it.
The pain... We shall bear it.
The joy... We shall share it.
The gospel... We shall live it.
The love... We shall give it.
The light... We shall cherish it.
The darkness... God shall perish it.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN Hope of the World

Donne secours

Leader will sing verse one, then all sing verses 1 and 2.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

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SPECIAL MUSIC In Christ There is no East or West

arr. Burleigh/McCracken

Deborah Phillips

Terrance McCracken

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION:

Let my prayer rise before you as incense, O God,
Hear our prayers, O God, and be in our thoughts.
Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families, friends and those who care for them...
May they know the peace of God which surpasses understanding
Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit, and all who care for them...

Guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence...

May your ever-present Spirit abide with them

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those who love...

May they know the peace of God which surpasses understanding

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement. We also pray for those who have died...

Guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those whose needs are known to us, and those whose names we do not know, but who are known to you.

May your ever-present Spirit abide with them.

SILENCE:

(Leader concludes the silence...)

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN I Will Arise

Parker/Shaw

Leader will sing once, then all sing two times.

THE BENEDICTION:

May the Lord, who is our peace, give us peace at all times and in every way.

Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Pass the peace with one another as you leave.

Thank you to Terrance McCracken and Deborah Phillips for their enrichment of our worship this evening.

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Maundy Thursday, March 24

Worship and Celebration of Communion – 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27

Worship – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast/Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m.

THE SESSION

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