

Prelude

The Celestial Banquet Olivier Messiaen
Suite Médiévale Jean Langlais
Méditation

Introit

“Now the First Day of the Feast” from *The Last Supper* Eric Thiman

*Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread,
the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him,
“Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?”
And he said, “Go into the city to such a man and say unto him,
‘The master saith, my time is at hand;
I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples.’”
And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them,
and they made ready the Passover.*

*My God, and is thy table spread, and doth thy cup with love o’erflow?
Thither by thy children led, and let them all thy sweetness know.
Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes, Communion of his flesh and blood!
Thrice happy he who here partakes that sacred stream, that heavenly food.
O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes. Amen.*

Opening Sentences

Matthew 20:17–19; Luke 22:7–13; John 13:3–5, 33–35

Welcome and Invocation

*Hymn 202. “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, we have seen your love in Jesus Christ,
who washed the disciples’ feet on the night of his betrayal.
We confess that in spite of your faithfulness to us,
we betray our neighbors and, like Simon Peter,
desert our friends and run in fear when we should be loyal.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we seem unable to bind ourselves to you.
We are weak and willful people, O God,
dependent upon your mercy.
Wash from us the stain of sin,
so that in hours of danger and times of trial,
we may be faithful to Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Stand as you are able.

Minister: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

All: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Anthem

“The Betrayer” from *The Last Supper*. E. Thiman

*Now when the even was come,
he sat down with the twelve.
And as they did eat, he said,
“Verily I say unto you,
that one of you shall betray me.”
And they were exceeding sorrowful,
And began every one of them to say unto him,
“Lord, is it I?”
And he answered and said,
“He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish,
the same shall betray me.”
Then Judas, which betrayed him,
answered and said, “Master, is it I?”
He said unto him, “Thou hast said.”*

*O how could man betray thee,
who once thy love had known?
With broken faith repay thee
for all thy love had done?
Though on a cross they nail thee,
no wound as this,
that lips forsworn should hail thee
with the betraying kiss.
One to another turning
makes answer, “Is it I?”
The dark suspicion burning
in each one fearfully.*

*O mystery of sinning,
that, in the heart concealed,
lurks evil’s strange beginning,
too late to be revealed.*

The Shadow of Temptation Luke 22:1–6

The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20–25

Hymn 206 (*please remain seated*) “This Is the Night”

The Lord’s Supper

Communion Anthems

“The Last Supper” from *The Last Supper* E. Thiman

*And as they were eating, Jesus took the bread,
and blessed it, and broke it,
and gave it to the disciples, and said,
“Take, eat; this is my bread of heaven.”
On thee we feed, for thy flesh is meat indeed.
And he took the cup, and gave thanks,
and gave it to them saying,
“Drink ye all of it, for this is the blood of the new testament
which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”
Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice.*

*Word-made-flesh true bread he maketh by his word
his flesh to be; wine his blood, which whoso taketh
must from evil thoughts be free;
faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
shows true hearts the mystery.*

“A New Commandment” from *The Last Supper*. E. Thiman

*Jesus said, “Little children,
yet a little while I am with you.
Ye shall seek me.
Whither I go, ye cannot come;
so now I say to you,
a new commandment I give unto you,
that ye love one another;
as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
By this shall all shall know that ye are my disciples,
If ye have love one to another.”*

*O thou who camest from above,
and didst celestial fire impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.*

*There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze;
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.*

*Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thine endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.
He said unto him, “Thou hast said.”*

“The Way, the Truth, and the Life” from *The Last Supper* . . . E. Thiman

*“Let not your heart be troubled:
Ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father’s house are many mansions;
if it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto myself;
that where I am there ye may be also
and whither I go, and the way ye know.”*

*Thomas saith unto him, “Lord, we know not whither thou goest;
and how can we know the way?” Jesus saith unto him,
“I am the way, the truth, and the life:
No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

*Thou art the way; by thee alone from sin and death we flee.
And he who would the Father seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.
Thou art the truth; thy word alone true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.
Thou art the life, the rending tomb proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
Thou art the way, the truth, the life, grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.*

Psalm 23 (*recited in unison after all have received the cup*)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

The Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:30–35

The Shadow of Weakness Mark 14:32–42

*Hymn 218. “Ah, Holy Jesus”

The Shadow of Humiliation Matthew 26:57–68

The Shadow of Denial Matthew 26:69–75

Anthem

“Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

from *The Last Supper* E. Thiman

*Now, my tongue, the mystery telling
of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the gentiles’ Lord and King,
in a virgin’s womb once dwelling,
shed for this world’s ransoming.
That last night, at supper lying,
’mid the twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying,
gives himself with his own hand.
Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honor, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who from both with both is one.
Amen.*

The Shadow of Judgment Luke 23:1–5, 18–25

The Shadow of the Cross Matthew 27:27–37

Solo

“Were You There?” African American spiritual

*The Tenebrae service ends in darkness and silence;
there will be no postlude.*

You may leave whenever you wish after the solo “Were You There?”

Please observe the vigil of silence until you leave the building.

Continue with us on our journey to Easter

Good Friday | March 25

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service

5:30 p.m. Children's Experience
(Buchanan Chapel)

7:30 p.m. Choral Service
Featuring *Stabat Mater* by Francis Poulenc

Holy Saturday | March 26

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Beginning in the courtyard
Shannon J. Kershner presiding

Easter Sunday | March 27

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
Hardy H. Kim preaching

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Services
Shannon J. Kershner preaching

9:30 a.m. Children's Service
in the Gratz Center, Floor 4

12:30 p.m. Easter Brunch in Borwell Dining Room
(Advance-purchase tickets required)

4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz Service with Communion
Layton Williams preaching

Shannon J. Kershner *Pastor*

Victoria G. Curtiss *Associate Pastor for Mission*

Matt Helms *Minister for Children and Families*

Hardy H. Kim *Associate Pastor for Evangelism*

Rocky Supinger *Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry*

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Nanette Sawyer *Minister for Congregational Life*

Jeffrey Doane *Parish Associate for Older Adults*

Layton Williams *Pastoral Resident*

John W. W. Sherer *Organist and Director of Music*

Thomas Gouwens *Associate Organist*

The Chancel Choir; Kimberly Gunderson, Cole Seaton,
and Sean Stanton, *soloists*

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