

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Holy Communion Service - Thursday, April 1, 2010**

**GREETER** Ginny White

**PRELUDE** David Brasher  
"Tree of Life"  
by Hauger

**THE WELCOME** Mary Pat Spencer

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Mary Pat Spencer

*Pastor: Welcome, friends, to this holy night.*

**People: We come to share this hour with God and to remember.**

*Pastor: Yes, we remember an upper room and a garden.*

**People: We remember a washing and a meal.**

*Pastor: We remember that friends, not enemies, betrayed, denied, and deserted.*

**People: We remember that we have it in us to fail those we love.**

*Pastor: We remember it was those same friends who shared a meal and pledged loyalty.*

**People: We remember that we, too, are often more courageous in word than deed.**

*Pastor: We remember Peter, who did not want to be washed.*

**People: We remember that at times we, too, will not let those who love us care for us.**

*Pastor: We remember those who slept in the garden while Jesus wrestled with His soul and God.*

**People: We remember that there are times when we, too, are not present to the pain of those we love.**

*Pastor: Above all, we remember Jesus, who washed feet and shared a meal despite it all.*

**People: We remember such a love – a love that claims us, that holds us, that refuses to abandon us, a love that sets an example. We pray for the grace to follow that kind of love. Amen.**

**HYMN** "In This Very Room" Jan Watts

*In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me;  
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*

*In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us;  
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*

*In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world;  
And there's quite enough hope, and quite enough pow'r to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER** Edd Spencer

**ANTHEM** Kemp  
"A Lenten Love Song"  
Choir and Georgia Flora, mezzo soprano

**THE ACT OF HOSPITALITY – PREPARING THE TABLE** Jim & Beverly Baxter

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** Edd Spencer

*Please come forward to receive Communion from the Elders. A Deacon will stand by your pew for your row to come forward. Partake of Communion by breaking off a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. After receiving Communion please take an act of kindness thought from the offering tray by the Lord's Table. Please return to your seat after receiving Communion.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** "There's Something About That Name" Jan Watts

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!  
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
but there's something about that name!*

**COMING FORWARD FOR THE BREAD AND CUP** Charles & Peggy Daniels  
Dan & Conlee Alderson

**RECEIVING AN ACT OF KINDNESS**

**THE DARKNESS** Edd Spencer

*I am the spirit of this night... I am darkness.  
My face is veiled and shadowed.  
With me comes a sense of fear and uncertainty.  
The mists of evening envelop my movements...  
I seem suspended between heaven and earth.  
This night, begun in fellowship and feasting,  
turns now to tears and temptation.  
I fill the heart of Judas so that he is even now  
betraying his Master and friend. I cloud the eyes of the remaining eleven  
so that sleep rises as a wall between them and the suffering son of God.  
I walk beside the soldiers and priests on their way to the dark destiny of Gethsemane  
confrontation.*

*I AM DARKNESS.*

*I am the secrets of your life carefully hidden, yet known to God.  
I am the fears and uncertainties that corrode your daily faith.  
I sit with you in your pew, nudging your doubts needing your discontents.*

*I cloud your eyes as you seek the truth of this night,  
so that you lose any sense of personal involvement...  
so you build a wall between yourself and this  
suffering son of God.*

*My color is black in the absence of light.  
the blackness of death without resurrection.  
The bleakness of a relationship without forgiveness.  
The color of life without love.  
I AM DARKNESS*

***THE ACT OF DARKNESS – STRIPPING THE TABLE***

*Jim & Beverly Baxter*

***THE SILENT DARKNESS***

*Congregation*

***OUR EXIT INTO THE DARKNESS***  
*(Depart in silence when you are ready)*

