

**Maundy Thursday 2020**  
**Worship At Home**  
**April 9, 2020**

I invite you to use this service in a darkened room on the evening of Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. You might like to light a candle and place it by the screen of your computer, tablet or other device.

*You may wish to begin by watching a beautiful performance of "Were You There" on YouTube  
(You may skip the ads, when you see the prompt in the lower right hand corner.)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhGYD1svTM4>

A message from Rev. Nancy Lois and readings from the gospel according to Matthew have been compiled into one video (20 min) and posted by Jeff Yardis.

The intentional black spaces between each reading will give you time to pause and slow down. They also symbolize the deepening darkness that descends upon Jesus.

Each reading was made by a deacon at home using the technology available to him or her. Each deacon had different equipment and a different degree of technical know-how, but each one stepped up and gave themselves to this project. They are each a part of the story, as are all of us.

Here is the video: <https://www.yardis.com/Event-Galleries/Third-Church-Maundy-Thursday/>  
It includes:

- A Message from Rev. Nancy Lois
- Readings from your Deacons
  - Matthew 26: 6-16 read by Corrine Sternberg
  - Matthew 26: 17-25 read by Patty Mailhot
  - Matthew 26: 26-35 read by Ken Joy
  - Matthew 26: 36-46 read by Peggy Root
  - Matthew 26: 47-56 read by Shawn Tycz
  - Matthew 26: 57-68 read by Al Baron
  - Matthew 26: 69-75 read by Martha Deegan
  - Matthew 27: 27-37 read by Cheri Czesak
  - Matthew 27: 38-46 read by Jeff Yardis

After the final reading, please turn off your device and enter into prayer for at least 10 minutes. You may pray silently or aloud. You may pray given prayers or prayers in your own words.

- *The Lord's Prayer*  
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our

trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

- *The Serenity Prayer*

God, give me grace to accept with serenity  
the things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things  
which should be changed,  
and the Wisdom to distinguish  
the one from the other.  
Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
This sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
If I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen.

- *Pray your own prayers in your own words from your heart.*

The Story doesn't end here. Be sure to join us for Easter!