

**MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY
Quispamsis United Church
March 28, 2024**

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

Opening Hymn:

As the Sun with Longer Journey
**As the sun with longer journey
melts the winter's snow and ice,
with its slowly growing radiance
warms the seed beneath the earth,
may the sun of Christ's uprising
gently bring our hearts to life.**

VU 111

**Through the days of waiting, watching
in the desert of our sin,
searching on the far horizon
for a sign of cloud or wind,
we await the healing waters
of our Saviour's victory.**

**Praise be given to the Maker
of the seasons' yearly round:
to the Speaker through the Spoken
in their living Breath of love
as the ever turning seasons
roll to their eternal rest.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This
**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

VU 147 (VS 1 & 2)

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.**

Introduction to Hand Washing

Blessing and Washing of Hands

Hymn

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

VU 133

**Go to dark Gethsemane,
you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his grief away:
learn from him to watch and pray.**

**See him at the judgement hall,
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
see him meekly bearing all;
love to all his soul sustained.
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss:
learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

**Calvary's mournful mountain view;
there the Lord of glory see,
made a sacrifice for you,
dying on the accursed tree.
'It is finished,' hear his cry:
trust in Christ and learn to die.**

JESUS PRAYS

Reading Luke 22: 39-46

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' [[Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

Silence

Prayer

**Sometimes, O God, we too sleep in the presence of your son.
We dread the fires of affliction that lie before us,
the soil of loneliness that engulfs us,
the impending threats that loom.
In the deepening shadows of this dark night,
hold us in your embrace, that we, being weary,
might not lose heart or abandon faith, as we wait for Easter's dawn.**

Extinguishing of the First Candle

Hymn Verse

**Stay With Us Through the Night
Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.**

VU 182

JESUS' BETRAYAL

Reading: Luke 22: 47-53

While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, 'Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?' When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, 'Lord, should we strike with the sword?' Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, 'No more of this!' And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the

temple police, and the elders who had come for him, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!'

Silence

Prayer

**Sometimes, O God, we too betray your son.
We are afraid to pay the price of compassion,
to remain true when the going gets tough,
and to remain steadfast when violence and treachery abound.
In the shadows of this dark night, hold us in your embrace,
that we, being weary, may not lose heart or abandon faith,
as we wait for Easter's dawn.**

Extinguishing of the Second Candle

Hymn Verse

Stay With Us Through the Night
**Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.**

VU 182

PETER'S DENIAL

Reading: Luke 22: 54-65

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.' But he denied it, saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.' A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!' Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.' But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him, 'Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?' They kept heaping many other insults on him.

Silence

Prayer

**Sometimes, O God, we too deny your son.
We pretend we do not know him,
act as if he has no claim on us and on our lives,
and dismiss your power over the mountains and stars.
In the shadows of this dark night, hold us in your embrace,
that we, being weary, may not lose heart or abandon faith,
as we wait for Easter's dawn.**

Extinguishing of the Third Candle

Hymn Verse

**Stay With Us Through the Night
Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.**

VU 182

JESUS ACCUSED

Reading: Luke 22:66 – 23:12

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, 'If you are the Messiah, tell us.' He replied, 'If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.' All of them asked, 'Are you, then, the Son of God?' He said to them, 'You say that I am.' Then they said, 'What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!'

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I

find no basis for an accusation against this man.’ But they were insistent and said, ‘He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.’

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Silence

Prayer

**Sometimes, O God, we too accuse you son,
of having failed to act as we’d hoped, meet all our expectations,
and fill our lives with the riches and blessings we think we want.
In the shadows of this dark night, hold us in your embrace,
that we, being weary, may not lose heart or abandon faith,
as we wait for Easter’s dawn.**

Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle

Hymn Verse

**Stay With Us Through the Night
Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.**

VU 182

JESUS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Reading Luke 23: 13-25

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, ‘You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.’

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished

Silence

Prayer

**Sometimes, O God, we too convict your son
Of having failed to slaughter the enemy,
vanquish the foe, and lead us where we want to go.
In the shadows of this dark night, hold us in your embrace,
that we' being weary, may not lose heart or abandon faith,
as we wait for Easter's dawn**

Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle

"Are You Ready?"

Depart in Silence