

First Presbyterian Church  
Watertown, NY  
March 28, 2024 + Maundy Thursday  
7pm



Irene Julia Wise, *The First Passover*, c. 2018

## **Chiming The Hour of Worship**

### **Prelude**

### **Greeting**

### **\*Call to Worship**

God forbid that I should boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ  
**In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead;**  
**by him we are redeemed and set free.**

May God be gracious to us and bless us.  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,**  
**who redeems us from sin and death!**

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn**      #642 “Abide With Me”

### **\*Evening Prayer *and* The Lord’s Prayer**

Receive my prayer as incense, O God.  
**My uplifted hands as an evening sacrifice.**  
Master you are lifted up, and we bow before your cross to receive your blessings;  
“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”  
**We are humbled by your forgiveness.**  
“Today you will be with me in paradise.”  
**We are awed by your promise.**  
“Mother, this is your son—and she is your mother.”  
**We would love each other as you have loved us.**  
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”  
**Stay with us, God, that we may stand by all those in need.**  
“I am thirsty.”

**Make us generous to share with those who hunger and thirst.**

**“It is finished.”**

**Complete your work in us, and use us according to your will.**

**“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”**

**We give ourselves to you in trust and peace.**

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus, our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying...

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
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 Tenebrae+**

**Statement About The Service**

**The Light of the World**

**The Calling of The Twelve**

**The Events of Holy Week**

**The Upper Room**

**The Prophecy**

**Silent Prayer and Reflection**

**Anthem**

*Go Not Far From Me, O God*  
*Psalm 71 vs. 10, 8, 7*

N.A. Zingarelli

Go not far from me o God,  
Cast me not away, In the time of age,  
Forsake me not, When my strength faileth me,  
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,  
That I may sing, Thy glory and honour, All the day long.

## **The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation to The Lord's Table**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.  
You bring forth bread from the earth,  
and create the fruit of the vine.  
You made us in your image,  
and freed us from the bonds of slavery.  
You claimed us as your people,  
and made covenant to be our God.  
You fed us manna in the wilderness,  
and brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey.  
When we forgot you, and our faith was weak,  
you spoke through prophets,  
calling us to turn again to your ways.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven  
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
whom you sent to deliver us  
from the bondage of death and slavery to sin.  
In humility he descends from your heights,  
to kneel in obedience to love's commands.

He who is boundless takes on the bondage of our sin.  
He who is free takes our place in death's prison.  
In the deserts of our wanderings, he sustains us, giving us his  
body as manna for our weariness.  
The cup of suffering which he drank  
has become for us the cup of salvation.  
In his death, he ransomed us from death's dominion;  
in his resurrection, he opened the way to eternal life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,  
we take this bread and this cup  
from the gifts you have given us,  
and celebrate with joy  
the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.  
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,  
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

According to his commandment:  
**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break  
and the cup we bless  
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ  
and with all who are baptized in his name,  
that we may be one in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit  
to live as love commands.  
Bound to Christ,  
set us free for joyful obedience and glad service.  
As Jesus gave his life for ours,  
help us to live our lives for others  
with humility and persistent courage.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until  
the promised day of resurrection, when,  
with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with  
you at your table in glory.

Through Christ,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Breaking of The Bread**

### **Communion of The People**

### **Prayer After Communion**

**Hymn**        "Go To Dark Gethsemane"        st. 1

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;  
turn not from His grief away, learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

### **The Mount of Olives**

### **The Betrayal**

### **The Denial**

## **The Trial**

**Hymn**                    “Go To Dark Gethsemane”                    st. 2

**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of Life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

## **The Trial, continued**

**Hymn**                    “Go To Dark Gethsemane”                    st. 3

**Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet  
mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete:  
“It is finished”—hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

## **Litany of The Cross**

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

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## **The Crucifixion**

## **The Abandonment**

## **The Darkness**

**Sending**                    *I Have Finished The Race*

Shaefer & LaRosa

I have kept the faith, I have entered the gates,  
He says, “Come to me, and I will give you rest.”  
Like the angels and satins, I have fought the good fight.  
Finally, I see Him face to face.

I have finished, finished the race.  
Every tear from eyes, He’s wiped away.  
No more death, no more mourning, I am clothed in God’s glory.  
I have finished the race.

My shepherd has called, He has called me by name,  
to abide in Him in Paradise.  
He restores my soul, for His love has conquered all.  
I am with the One who never dies!

I have finished, finished the race.  
Every tear from eyes, He's wiped away.  
No more death, no more mourning, I am clothed in God's glory.  
I have finished the race.

I am now at peace, kneeling at His feet,  
singing praise to God before His throne.  
This is not goodbye, I am by His side.  
Oh Jesus, He has called me home!

*all depart in silence*

*Holy Week services continue tomorrow, March 29, with Solemn Good Friday  
Worship  
at 12 noon.*