

North Star Mennonite Church
Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Thursday, April 18, 2019 6:30 p.m.

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Invited to the Table

Welcome

Hymn of Preparation – “Turn your eyes upon Jesus”

Luke 22:7-13 (Preparations for Passover)

Table Grace (Back page)

Sharing the Meal

The Gathering Dark

Luke 4:1-12 (Temptations of Jesus)

Candle 1 Extinguished

Hymn – “Jesus walked this lonesome valley”

Luke 9:18-27 (1st Foretelling of death)

Candle 2 Extinguished

Luke 9:43-45 (2nd Foretelling of death)

Candle 3 Extinguished

Luke 18:31-34 (3rd Foretelling of death)

Candle 4 Extinguished

Hymn – MH #160 “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

John 11:45-57 (Plot to kill Jesus - from John)

Candle 5 Extinguished

John 12:1-8 (Mary anoints Jesus)

Candle 6 Extinguished

Hymn – MH #163 “What Wondrous Love is This”

Luke 19:28-48 (Triumphal Entry and Cleansing)

Candle 7 Extinguished

Luke 22:1-6 (Plot to kill Jesus - from Luke)

Candle 8 Extinguished

The Bread and the Cup

Luke 22:14-23 (Institution of the Lord’s Supper)

Communion Hymn – “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Candle 9 Extinguished

Into the Night

Luke 22:39-46 (Jesus prays at Mount of Olives)

Candle 10 Extinguished

Hymn – “Stay with me”

Luke 22:47-53 (Jesus is arrested)

Candle 11 Extinguished

Hymn – MH #164 “Were You There”

Luke 23:13-25 (The trial)

Candle 12 Extinguished

Luke 23:44-49 (Jesus dies)

Candle 13 Extinguished

Hymn – MH #167 “When I Survey”

(All lights extinguished and time for quiet meditation)

We depart in silence....

Table Grace:

This is the Welcome Table of our Redeemer,
and you are invited.

Make no excuses, saying you cannot attend,
simply come,
for around this table you will find your family.

Come not because you have to,
but because you need to.

Come not to prove you are saved,
but to seek the courage to follow wherever Christ
leads.

Come not to speak but to listen,
not to hear what's expected,
but to be open to the ways the Spirit moves among
you.

So be joyful, not somber,
for this is the feast of the reign of God,
where the broken are molded into a Beloved
Community,
and where the celebration over evil's defeat has
already begun.