



**Thursday, April 6, 2023 ~ Maundy Thursday, The Lord's Supper**  
7:30 p.m. Worship (Miller Commons)

**FROM THE TABLE TO THE CROSS:**

**A Maundy Thursday service of drama and song based on Wangerin's Living the Passion**

By Roger E. Van Harn and Walter Wangerin

- Scene 1: Water jar, male person
- Scene 2: Round table, communion plate and cup
- Scene 3: Peter and Jesus
- Scene 4: Tree, three disciples, Jesus
- Scene 5: Three disciples, Jesus, and a mob with lights, sticks, ropes, chains
- Scene 6: Jesus roped, Caiaphas robed and seated at small round table
- Scene 7: Fire pit, maid, Peter
- Scene 8: Soldiers take Jesus

**Prelude**

Contemporary Praise Band

**Welcome**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

*A time of fellowship and sharing table food*

**Scene 1 (male with water jar)**

Reader: Jenny Legath

Mark 14: 12-16

Jesus: Who will give me room?

Reader: And loving him as he loved us, we answer, "Here, Lord. In my heart."

Prayer: **Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let this room for you be blessed. Amen.**

***Hymn: Come, for the Feast Is Spread***

**Scene 2 (The Last Supper)**

Reader: Alex Wilkie

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Mark 14: 22-25

***Hymn: Eat This Bread***

**The Lord's Supper**

Meditation "The Giving Has Never Ceased"

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Supper (shared around the tables)

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

Lord, what shall I say to you? I lay my hand upon my mouth. Your love is too wonderful for me; it is high; I can't understand it. But this I do: I dwell within it, silently, gratefully, faithfully, believing in it after all. Amen.

**Scene 3 (Peter and Jesus)**

Reader: Wes Allen

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Mark 14: 26-31

***Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

**Scene 4 (Disciples lounge by a tree, Jesus prays)**

Reader: Janet Wilkie

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Mark 14: 32-42

***Hymn: According to Thy Gracious Word***

**Scene 5 (Jesus and three disciples encounter a mob)**

Reader: Jenny Legath

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Mark 14: 43-49

***Hymn: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (stanza 1)***

**Scene 6 (Jesus and the High Priest)**

Reader: Alex Wilkie

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Mark 14: 53-65

***Hymn: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (stanza 2)***

**Scene 7 (Peter)**

Reader: Janet Wilkie

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Mark 14: 66-72

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**Prayer (in unison):**

**Lord Jesus, it is no small thing that the very first word of your resurrection carried a message for Peter: "Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee." In the naming of the man you forgave him. You received him again, an apostle, pure and strong and loving. Lord, Jesus, we beg the same forgiveness. Amen.**

## **Scene 8 (Soldiers take Jesus)**

Reader: Stuart Spencer

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Mark 15: 16-20

### ***Hymn: Lead Me to the Cross***

Leader: Now the soldiers lead him away, inside the palace (that is, the Praetorium).

**People: You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, do not resist an evildoer.**

Leader: And they call together the whole battalion, some six hundred soldiers, auxiliary troops recruited from the non-Jewish peoples of Palestine. "Recreation!" they cry. "A little R-and-R."

**People: If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also.**

Leader: Jesus has already been scourged with the flagellum. His back is bleeding. When they pull a purple cloak across his shoulders, the blood soaks through. They weave a crown from the thorny branches of a nearby shrub. They stick this to his head, brow, and scalp.

**People: You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.**

Leader: The soldiers begin to salute him in a raucous mockery of high office, hooting, "Hail, you King of the Jews!"

**People: For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?**

Leader: And they strike his head with a reed, pitiful sign for a scepter.

**People: Do not judge, so that you may not be judged.**

Leader: And they turn and spit on him.

**People: Condemn not, and you will not be condemned.**

Leader: And they kneel down in grinning homage to him.

**People: Forgive, and you will be forgiven.**

Leader: And when they've grown weary of the game, they strip him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes back on him.

**People: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

Leader: And so those who led him into the palace now lead him out again, to crucify him.

## Blessing

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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## Worship Ministry

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### Actors:

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| 1. Male Person:     | Joshua Leonard   |
| 2. Three Disciples: | Alex Perkowski, Kyle Perkowski, Sam Long   |
| 3. Peter:           | Alex Perkowski   |
| 4. Jesus:           | Brian Perkowski  |
| 5. Caiaphas:        | Steve Drzaszcz   |
| 6. Maid:            | Kristen Perkowski  |
| 7. Mob:             | Joshua Leonard, Nicole Leonard, Rosemary Leonard, Abigail Leonard, Rachel Long, Alex Long, Jo Long |

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| <b>Director:</b>         | Rebecca Neindorff                        |
| <b>Music:</b>            | Martin Bass and Contemporary Praise Band |
| <b>Sound Technician:</b> | Taylor Adair                             |
| <b>Visuals:</b>          | Alice Conley                             |
| <b>Ushers:</b>           | Paul Lewis and John Miller               |
| <b>Live Stream:</b>      | Jonathan Nawrocki                        |
| <b>Table Settings:</b>   | Angie Slane and Vicki Terry              |