

“Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover” Mark 14:12



Clifton Pastoral Charge

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE in Hilden

April 17th, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

THE GATHERING

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

WELCOME AND NAME EXPLANATION

EMPIRES AND LAND OCCUPATION

HYMN (VU #374) *“Come and Find a Quiet Centre”*

PRAYER OF OPENING

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF UNITY AND ONENESS

THE GOSPEL TRADITIONS OF HOLY WEEK

SCRIPTURE John 13:1-13

REFLECTION John's Message: *Power is for Love and Service*

HYMN (VU #593) *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”*

THE PASSOVER AND COVENANT SOLIDARITY

SCRIPTURE Exodus 12:21-27
Mark 14:12-25

HYMN (VU #690) *“From the Slave Pens of the Delta”*

REFLECTION *“The Symbolism of BLOOD”*

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:39-46

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Jesus I'll Stay Awake”*
Words and Music Linnea Good © 2004 Borealis Music

PRAYER

REFLECTION

BETRAYAL AND DENIAL

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:47-62

HYMN (VU #132) *“Bitter was the Night”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (MV #78) “God Weeps”

Lord Jesus, like your first disciples, we have been loud in our protestations of loyalty to you, and yet, we too have betrayed you. You trod the Way of sacrificial love without flinching. We hesitate to travel it at all. We have been afraid of the pain and suffering which love can bring.

But it has done us no good to follow the broad and easier way, for it has made us less than the men and women we were designed to be. We have gained the world, but lost our own souls. So..., we must recommit to following your way, the Way of the Kingdom of God, even though it is hard, for it is the way of true life.

In our silence now, like the individual silences of scattered disciples, we confess our sin as individuals and as church, to you.

(“God Weeps” - Verse One)

Forgive us God, for eating and drinking at your table, without “Remembering” the kingdom he died proclaiming....

(“God Weeps” – Verse two)

Forgive us for falling asleep, for allowing our senses to be dulled to all the mental and physical suffering around us; for allowing the desires of our own bodies and families to shut out the pain of the larger community and world. The spirit may be willing, but often our flesh is weak....

("God Weeps" – Verse Three)

Finally, forgive us God for our lack of faith; for giving in to fear and despair, Satan's ultimate weapons, when you called us to be loyal and stand fast. Forgive us for running away when we have been threatened by physical force, economic blackmail or anything else which pressures us to be untrue to you and our calling as disciples...

("God Weeps" – Verse Four)

We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who loved and forgave Judas and Peter even before they betrayed and denied him. AMEN

~~~~Depart in Silence~~~~