



*First United Presbyterian Church  
Sodus, New York  
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Maundy Evening Service*

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
The Service of Tenebrae*

*\*The Call to Worship:*

*Let us come together in the spirit of thanksgiving and humble gratitude.  
We remember this special night from long ago, when Jesus gathered with  
his disciples in the upper room.*

*Let us give God praise for the supper of forgiveness and dedication.  
We recognize that Jesus' supper was a feast of community that we now  
share with him, and so we say come, Lord Jesus, feed us your meal of  
salvation and hope.*

*Prayer of Invocation*

*Holy God, source and sovereign, you put all power and authority into  
the hands of Christ—Christ, who washes our feet in humble service.  
Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that everyone  
will know that we are his disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord we  
pray.*

*— from the Presbyterian Church USA website. <https://www.pcusa.org/>*

*Communion Hymn (seated): "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"    Insert*

*Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!*

*Men and Women will come from east and west and from north and south  
and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.*

*This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites all who trust him to share the  
feast which he has prepared.*

*\*Please stand*

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*Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

*...who 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.....*

*...Great is the mystery of faith.*

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

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

*\*Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Insert*

*Words of Institution*

*Communion of the People*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving:*

*God of Grace, you welcome us to the table of our Lord Jesus and give gifts more than we deserve or desire. We are grateful for Christ, who feeds our faith and renews your covenant with us, who by his death gives life to all who trust in him. How can we thank you for his love? Give us a willingness to serve as he has served us, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ your son.*

*The Service of Tenebrae (Shadows)*

*(This service, meaning "darkness" or "shadow," comes from the fourth century and celebrates the final darkening hours of Jesus' life on earth. After each lesson is read, one candle is extinguished until there is total darkness.)*

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*The Shadow of Betrayal*

*Matthew 26: 20-25  
Sue Mulberry*

*The Shadow of Inner Agony*

*Luke 22: 39-54*

*Mike Mulberry*

*Adult Choir Anthem*

*“Song of the Shadows”*

*Martin*

*The Shadow of Desertion*

*Matthew 26: 47-50, 55-56*

*Lynn Brussel*

*The Shadow of Accusation*

*Matthew 26: 57-67*

*Jeff Sondervan*

*The Shadow of Mockery*

*Mark 15:16-20*

*Julie DeBadts*

*The Shadow of Hysteria*

*John 19: 4-16*

*Cindy Rolston*

*The Shadow of Abandonment*

*Matthew 27: 35-50*

*Father Michael*

*Litany of the Nails*

*Let us think about the first nail, remembering how the disciples fell asleep in Gethsemane while Jesus prayed. They could not stay awake; they were not able to be with a friend.*

*O Lord, have mercy; lighten our darkness. We turn our backs on you when we don't stand with our friends.*

*Let us think about the second nail, remembering how Peter three times*

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*denied that he knew Jesus. Peter, vexed and tired, thrice denied his own master and said he never knew him in order to stop a girl's questions.*

*O Lord, have mercy; lighten our darkness. We have denied you and our light is black.*

*Let us think about the third nail, remembering how Judas betrayed Jesus. Judas loved his pride and rejected his master. Judas turned traitor and lost his way back.*

*O Lord, have mercy; lighten our darkness. We have been selfish and insisted on our own way, and our light is black.*

*Let us think about the fourth nail, remembering that the disciples wanted to use force to protect Jesus from his arrestors, a knife to cut off an ear, violence to have its way.*

*O Lord, have mercy; lighten our darkness. We betray you when we resort to anger and force.*

*Let us think about the fifth nail, remembering how the crowd shouted, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked the crowd to release the good master. "Crucify," they shouted, "we don't want him back."*

*O Lord, have mercy; lighten our darkness. We have crucified you when we went along with the crowd and our light is black.*

*Let us think about the sixth nail, remembering how our faith has been weak and we have lacked courage for ministry in Jesus.*

*But Lord, you do have mercy. Christ's light and life shines on even in the darkness of sin and death. Yes, Lord, you renew us in this supper and we start fresh and joyful.*

*Hymn (Seated)*

*"Were you There?"*

*Insert*

*(At this time, please extinguish all lamps on the tables.)*

*The Carrying Out of Christ's Candle*

*(Thirty-three knocks symbolize the thirty-three years of Jesus' life.)*