

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016, 7:00 PM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Responsive Call to Worship:

Elwood Kita: God is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

People: God is the strength of my life: whom shall I dread?

Elwood Kita: I am seeking your presence, O God.

People: Do not abandon me to my foes. There are people who hate me; there are things that control me; there are places that frighten me.

Elwood Kita: Trust in God. Stand fast and have courage.

People: Help us this night not to fall away. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and give us the courage to withstand all evils.

Hymn:# 224 ‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,’ verses 1 – 4

Invocation:

Margaret Torigoe: God be with you!

People: And also with you.

Margaret Torigoe: Let us pray:

People: Gracious God, you give us the sun to illumine the day and the moon and the stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory, through Jesus Christ, the Sun of righteousness. Amene.

Hymn:#226 ‘O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,’ verses 1 – 3

Prayer at the Lighting of the Candles

Sue Smith: O Gracious Light, Pure brightness of the eternal Creator in heaven, O Jesus Christ, Holy and Blessed!

People: Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold your vesper light, we sing your praises, Holy God, One in Trinity.

Sue Smith: You are worthy at all times and in all places to be praised by happy voices, O Christ of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Lighting of the Candles

Choir Anthem: God so Loved the World, --Sir John Stainer Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Moderator Elwood Kita to light 10 candles during the Anthem

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Bob Smith: Let us pray:

People: Spirit of Christ, be with us now. We may try to avoid this hour of trouble; we may not stay awake. Help us to face our fear of the cross on which you died. Help us to face the crosses we must carry to honor your life.

Silence For Personal Confession

Bob Smith: Let us continue:

People: We are your disciples. And we, too, follow you with confusion and fear. Strengthen us, we so pray, so that we may walk through life into death without fear; through the night into eternal light. Amene

Reading New Commandment – Roberta Chu

John 13: 34 – 35

Hymn: #207 ‘Just as I Am’

verses 1 – 4

The Service of Shadows: Tenebrae

(After each reading, one of the candles will be extinguished by the person doing the reading.)

At the end of the readings, only one candle should remain.

Readings

Shadow of Betrayal -- Matthew 26: 20 – 22, 25

Carolyn Lum-Bellum

Shadow of Desertion -- Matthew 26: 31a, 33 – 35

Gloria Kobayashi

Hymn:# 222, ‘My Song is Love Unknown,’ verses 3 & 4, using tune *Love Unknown*

Readings

Agony of the Soul -- Luke 22: 39 – 44

Eric Tanouye

Unshared Vigil -- Mark 14: 32 – 41

Jane Kawazoe

Duet: ‘Green the Weeping Willow Tree’—Robert Graham

performed by Angie Jara & Rachel Edwards with JP Thomas on flute

Readings

Father/Mother, the Hour Has Come -- John 17: 1 – 4, 6

Anita Mathews

That They May Be All One -- John 17: 15 – 18

JP Thoma

Readings

Arrest in the Garden -- John 18: 1 – 5

Pearl Lyman

Shadow of the Cross -- Mark 15: 16 – 20

Christian Albano

The Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. A-men.

Hymn:#229 'Were You There?' verse 1

THE PROMISE John 14: 15 – 17

Jayson Rekis

[Read from the light of the one candle still burning]

Jayson Rekis: There is no Benediction because the events of this night do not conclude until
Easter morning Resurrection.

Keep the faith in vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Please depart in silence.