The Shadow of Betrayal and Desertion Matthew 26:47-56

(The disciples candles are extinguished)

One: Lord have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 26:59-68

One: Lord have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

The Shadow of Denial Matthew 26: 69-75

(Peter candle is extinguished)

One: Lord have mercy. **All: Christ have mercy**

Leave in silence.

Tonight's Guest Musician

Josue Alfaro is a musician raised in Costa Rica. He studied double bass performance at the Costa Rica National Institute of Music (INM) and orchestral conducting at the University of Costa Rica (UCR). During the last year, he has performed as a double bass core member of the University of Costa Rica Symphony Orchestra (OSUCR) and the Heredia Symphony Orchestra (OSH). Josue has been a resident of Orlando since the fall of 2022, where he is pursuing a Master's degree at the University of Central Florida (UCF) and is one of the two members of the OPUS Scholar Program, which allows him to receive orchestral training alongside the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

Maundy Thursday April 6, 2023



Park Lake Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Blowing of the shofar

The shofar sounded from the temple, inviting the people to enter and offer their Passover lambs. They assembled with joy as they commemorated their redemption from Egyptian slavery. It was a festival of freedom; the context for rekindled hopes for a Messiah that would free them again. While the throngs of worshipers filled the temple courts, the Levites sang the Hallel (Psalms 113-118). The people chanted refrains in praise of the one true God.

Introit Prelude Meditation Astor Piazzolla

Josue Alfaro, double bass Will Benton, piano

Call to Worship (Psalm 113:1-6, 9)

Hallelujah! Servants of the Lord, give praise! Give praise to the name of Adonai!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this moment on and forever! From sunrise until sunset, praise His name!

Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

The Lord is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens. Praise the Lord!

Gathering Prayer

Gathering of the Disciples Mark 14:12-16

*Hymn No. 517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Confession and Prayer

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. When the bread is broken this night, remind us of our need and of Your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with Your cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to You in covenant faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of Your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, who is our friend and redeemer. (silent confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died on our behalf. Friends, believe and live. This is gospel news.

The Passover Meal Matthew 26:20-29

*Hymn No. 206 This is the Night

Washing of Disciples Feet John 13:1-9

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

(Ushers will escort congregation forward to receive communion around the table, pastors will bring communion to those who prefer to remain seated)

Prayer

*Hymn No. 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

The Shadow of Inner Agony Luke 22:39-44

One: Lord have mercy.
All: **Christ have mercy.**

The Shadow of Loneliness

One: Lord have mercy.
All: **Christ have mercy.**

Anthem Abba Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Matthew 26:40-46