



I will lift the cup of salvation

*Tenebrae 2017*

*Knox Church  
Durham Street Methodist Church*

*Beloved in Christ:*

*The Tenebrae service (service of the shadows) has been observed by the Christian Church from early times. The service commemorates Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper, his betrayal, trial and death. During the service the Church is gradually darkened, symbolising the extinguishing of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.*

*The latter part of the service features the reading of the Shadow Passages. After each of the first six passages, a candle is extinguished. There is a pause and the Kyrie is said.*

*The Kyrie is:*

Minister:	Lord have mercy
Congregation:	<b>CHRIST HAVE MERCY</b>
Minister:	Lord have mercy

*After the "Shadow of Death" reading, and the extinguishing of the last candle, the Kyrie is not said. Since there is no benediction, the extinguishing of the final candle marks the close of the service. Feel no pressure to leave the Church immediately after the service; the minister will not be waiting at the door. Please respect the quietness at the end of the service, and leave in silence.*

*This service is shared by Knox Church and the people of Durham Street Methodist Church. Each church has an open table policy. You are welcome to receive communion here. It is good that you are here tonight. May God bless you as you worship.*

# The Service

**Silence:** We keep a silence in the church

## **Call to Prayer**

We are called to remember the Lord Jesus,  
his love for the world,  
how he called us to break the bread  
and to lift up the cup of salvation.  
Let us consecrate ourselves, therefore, to watch and wait,  
and to worship.  
And let us offer our silent prayer.

*Silence*

## **Prayer:**

On the night on which you were betrayed, Jesus,  
you asked your people to remember you.  
Through the many years since then,  
you have been remembered.  
And we come now, in our turn,  
to honour your plea.  
We remember your life of love.  
We remember the liberty you gave to those who'd been bound.  
We remember the beauty around which our hope leapt high.

We remember your calling your disciples  
to come to the table,  
to hear a story of thankfulness,  
and to join in with your lifting high  
the cup of salvation.  
“What will we do to repay God’s goodness to us?”  
“We’ll lift high the cup of salvation.”

We come to do so –  
to lift the cup that you have filled for us;  
and, sheltering in your light,  
we offer our silent prayer.

## *Silence*

Prepare us, Jesus, to hear your Word,  
and be with us as we pray:

Almighty God,  
unto whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
**CLEANSE THE THOUGHTS OF OUR HEARTS  
BY THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT,  
THAT WE MAY TRULY LOVE YOU,  
AND WORTHILY PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME.  
AMEN.**

*Without announcement, we sing:*

**Hymn:**

Liebster Jesu      Later form of melody by Johann Rodolph Ahle (1625-1673)



1. Blessèd Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you;  
by your gospel pure and holy  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.
  
2. All our knowledge, sense and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded;  
you alone to God can win us,  
you must work all good within us.
  
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
light of light from God proceeding;  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading;  
hear the cry your Church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

*Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684)*

*tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

**The Scripture Lesson:** Psalm 116: 1, 10-17

I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication,  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

How shall I repay the LORD  
 for all the good things he has done for me?  
 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
 in the presence of all his people.  
 Precious in the sight of the LORD  
 is the death of his servants.  
 O LORD, I am your servant;  
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
 you have freed me from my bonds.  
 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
 and call upon the Name of the LORD.  
 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
 in the presence of all his people,  
 In the courts of the LORD's house,  
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
 Hallelujah!

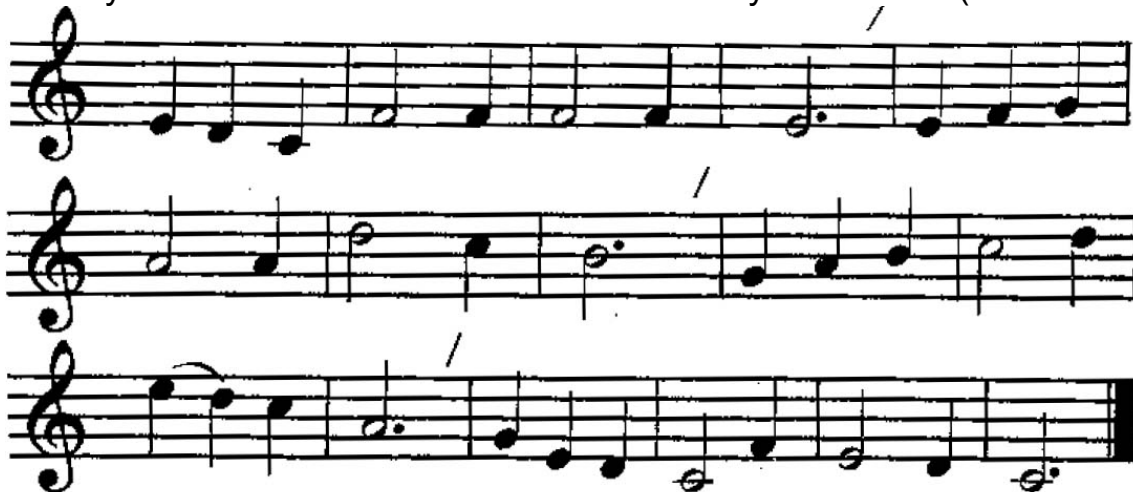
**Reflection:** Because I love you . . .

*Without announcement, we sing*

**Hymn:**

Ombersley

William Henry Gladstone (1840-1891)



1. Lord of all being, throned afar,  
 thy glory flames from sun and star;  
 centre and soul of every sphere,  
 yet to each loving heart how near!

2. Sun of our life, thy quickening ray  
 sheds on our path the glow of day;  
 star of our hope, thy softened light  
 cheers the long watches of the night.

3. Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,  
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,  
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;  
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.
4. Lord of all life, below, above,  
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,  
before thy ever-blazing throne  
we ask no lustre of our own.
5. Grant us thy truth to make us free,  
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,  
till all thy living altars claim  
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

*Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)*

### **Intercessory Prayers and the Lord's Prayer**

*To the minister's words "How shall I repay my God?"  
you are invited to respond "I WILL LIFT UP THE CUP OF SALVATION".*

**. . . OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN  
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,  
YOUR KINGDOM COME,  
YOUR WILL BE DONE,  
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.  
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.  
FORGIVE US OUR SINS  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.  
SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL  
AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.  
FOR THE KINGDOM,  
THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS  
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.**

## *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

### **Prayer:**

Holy God, this meal that we share today is the celebration of love – love that becomes visible through the life of Jesus who graced lives with healing and hope, compassion and power and whose love, life, healing and hope, compassion and power continue to permeate even now.

### **The Institution**

On the night of his betrayal, as he sat at table and broke bread with his friends, he said:

“Take and eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Remember me each time you do this.” After they had eaten, he took the cup and said: “Remember me as you drink from this, for it is my life, poured out for you—the beginning of a new relationship with God.”

**GOD CAME TO US IN JESUS.  
THIS SAME GOD IS PRESENT WITH US NOW.  
AND GOD WILL ALWAYS BE FOR US THE GOD OF JESUS.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Now that the hour is come,  
Send your spirit upon the gifts  
Of the bread and the cup.  
As you cradle the bread in your gentleness,  
Break it, give it to us, feed us with your compassion  
that we may be made whole  
and, in our healing,  
become servants to a shattered world.

As you take the cup,  
mingle its juices with your tears of hope,  
so that we might carry this gift  
to all who have lost everything.

*Thom M. Shuman*

### **The Distribution**

*Please come forward to the table, receive some bread, dip it in the grape juice,  
and, once you have finished, return to your seat.*

## A Time of Silence

*At the conclusion of the time of silence, the minister says: "And when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."*

*[Matt 26:30, Mark 14:26]*

*Without announcement, we sing*

### **Hymn:**

St Clement

*Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)*



1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.
3. So be it Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.*



## *Into the Shadows*

### **The Shadow of Betrayal** - read by Digby Prosser

In the evening he sat down with the twelve disciples; and during supper he said, "I tell you this: one of you will betray me!" In great distress they exclaimed one after the other, "Can you mean me Lord?" He answered, "One who has dipped his hand into this bowl with me will betray me!" Then Judas spoke, the one who was to betray him: "Rabbi, can you mean me?" Jesus replied, "The words are yours."

(The first candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Minister: Lord have mercy

### **The Shadow of Inner Agony** - read by Jennifer McKinnon

Then he went out and made this way as usual to the Mount of Olives, accompanied by his disciples. When he reached the place he said to them, "Pray that you may be spared the hour of testing." He himself withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down and began to pray: "Father, if it be thy will, take this cup away from me. Yet not my will, but thine be done." In anguish of spirit he prayed the more urgently; and his sweat was like clots of blood falling to the ground.

(The second candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Minister: Lord have mercy

### **The Shadow of Loneliness** - read by Matthew Croucher

He came to the disciples and found them asleep; and he said to Peter "So could none of you stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed "Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." He came again and found them asleep, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, using the same words as before.

(The third candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy  
Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**  
Minister: Lord have mercy

### **The Shadow of Desertion** - read by *Bronwyn Wiltshire*

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, appeared; with him was a great crowd armed with swords and cudgels, sent by the chief priests and elders of the nation. The traitor gave them this sign. "The one I kiss is your man; seize him." And stepping forward at once he said "Hail Rabbi," and kissed him. Jesus replied "Friend do what you are here to do." They came forward, seized Jesus, and held him fast.

(The fourth candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy  
Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**  
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### **The Shadow of Accusation** - read by *Margaret Burnett*

The chief priests and the whole council tried to find some allegation against Jesus on which a death sentence could be based; but they failed to find one, though many came forward with false evidence. Finally, two men alleged that he had said "I can pull down the temple of God, and rebuild it in three days." At this the High Priest rose and said to him, "Have you no answer to the charge that these witnesses bring against you?" But Jesus kept silence.

(The fifth candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy  
Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**  
Minister: Lord have mercy

### **The Shadow of Mockery** - read by *Charlotte Berry*

Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what shall I do with the man you call King of the Jews?" For he knew it was out of malice that they had brought Jesus before him. But the chief priests incited the crowd to ask him to release Barabbus rather than Jesus. Pilate spoke to them again: "Then what shall I do with the man you call King of the Jews?" They shouted back "Crucify him." "Why, what harm has he done?" Pilate asked; but they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, in his desire to satisfy the mob, released Barabbas to

them; and then he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers took him inside the courtyard and dressed him in purple, and plaiting a crown of thorns, placed it on his head. Then they began to salute him with "Hail , King of the Jews!"

(The sixth candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Minister: Lord have mercy

### **The Shadow of Death** - *read by Jill van de Geer*

When they reached the place of the Skull, they crucified him there, and the criminals with him, one on his right and the other on the left. Jesus said "Father forgive them; they know not what they do."

They divided his clothes among them by casting lots. The people stood looking on, and their rulers jeered at him: "He saved others; now let him save himself, if this is God's Messiah, his chosen." The soldiers joined in the mockery and came forward offering him their sour wine. "If you are the King of the Jews," they said, "save yourself." There was an inscription above his head which ran "This is the king of the Jews."

By now it was about noon, and a darkness fell over the whole land, which lasted until three o'clock: the sun's light had failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus gave a loud cry and said "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit"; and with these words he died. The centurion saw it all, and gave praise to God. "Beyond all doubt," he said, "this man was innocent."

(The last candle is blown out)

### **No Benediction**

*We leave the church in silence*