



***A Service of Holy Communion, Scripture, and Song***  
**April 17, 2025**

**Leading Worship Tonight:**

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# Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

7pm

**Thank you for joining us tonight.**

*We Gather in the Upper Room*

Gathering Music    *When Jesus Wept*    William Ringham

Prelude    *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Robert W. Thygerson

Call to the Upper Room

Leader: We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

**People: a story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial, and death.**

Leader: We gather tonight to tell an even older story prepared before the worlds began,

**People: a story of love powerful enough to rewrite our endings with the promise of new life.**

Leader: In the telling of the story, in the breaking of the bread, in the coming of the night,

**People: we draw near once more to Christ.**

The Word Proclaimed Through Music

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 116, selected verses

Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #216

From the Gospels: Luke 22: 14-23

The Innkeeper Bill Wehner

*With Jesus at the Table*

The Invitation to the Table

Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together* #525

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

prayer continues...

Words of Institution/Sharing Bread and Cup

*Were You There?*

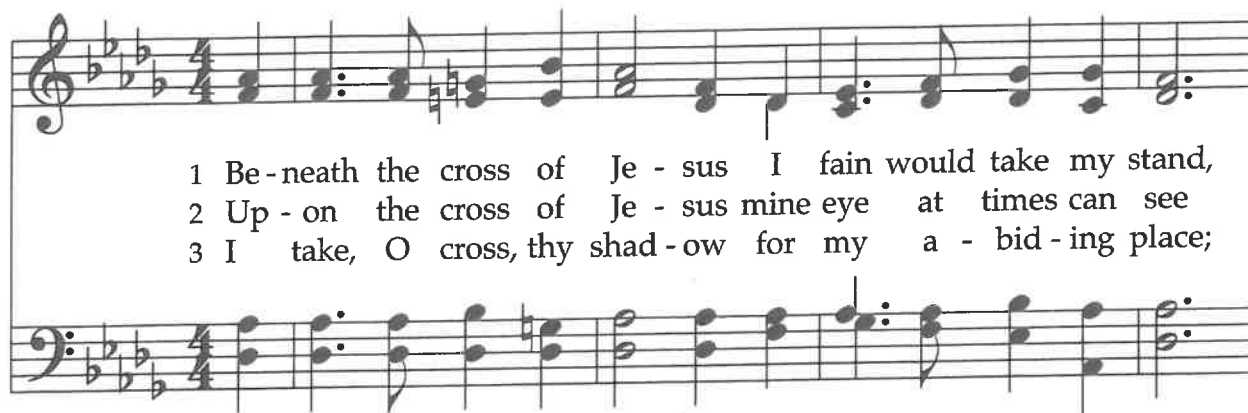
Bill Wehner, Lea Manuel, and  
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Benediction

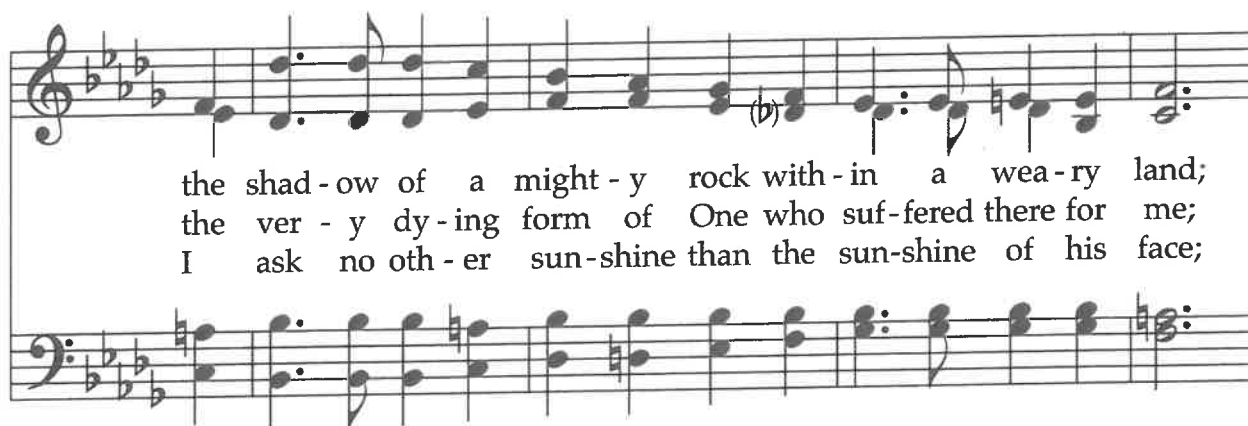
*We Go Out to Wait for the Dawn*

*(We depart in silence.)*

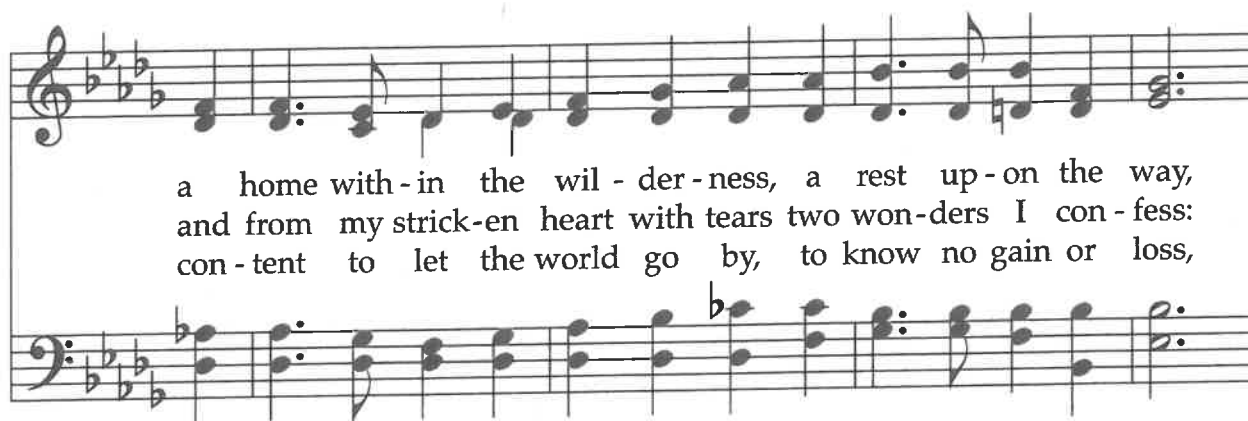
## 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus



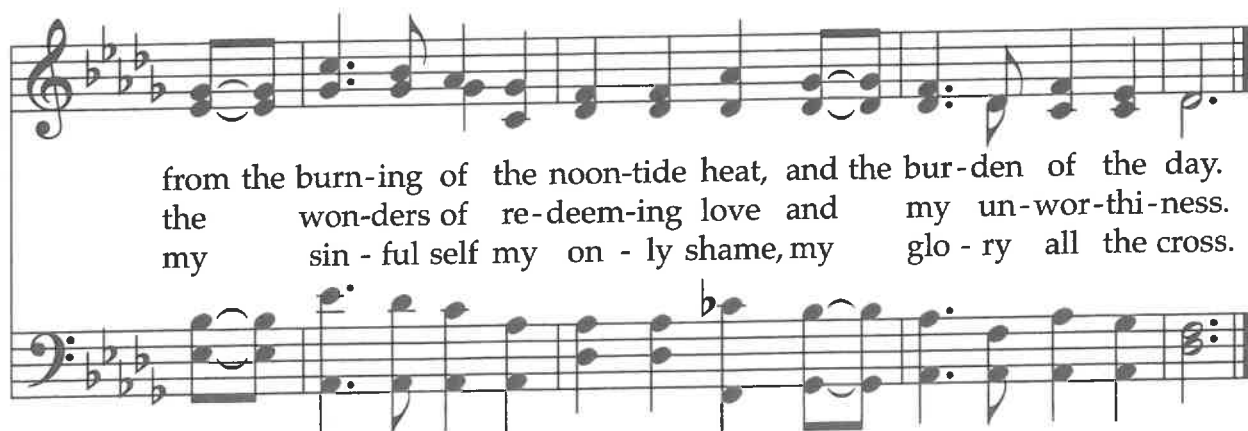
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

# Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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## Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and