

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

The Tenebrae service dates from at least the 8th century, and perhaps as early as the 5th century A.D. It is a dramatic service which was regarded originally as being symbolic of the death and burial of Jesus Christ.

The literal translation of the Latin word, Tenebrae, is "shadows," thus, the service moves from light to darkness.

The purpose of The Tenebrae Service is to aid the worshipers in realizing the total impact of the darkest day in the history of Christianity, the day Jesus Christ died upon the cross. The church gradually gets darker until all that is left lit is the Christ candle. This candle is then extinguished, leaving the church in darkness, thus symbolizing the apparent victory of the powers of the darkness as our Lord suffers death. A loud noise is traditionally made during the final part of the service, suggesting the earthquake of the Passion narrative.

Following the service, please leave the church in silence contemplating the awesome mystery of our Redemption.

Easter Sunday Schedule

<i>Sunrise Service</i>	<i>7:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Breakfast</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Celebration Service</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 18th



GOOD FRIDAY

April 15, 2022

7:00 p.m.



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Good Friday Tenebrae Service
A Service of Shadows

Call to Worship Rev. Groom

Hymn What Wondrous Love This Is (vss.1 & 2) Hymn # 292

Prayer of God's People Hymnal # 284

First Reading Matthew 26:57-68
Silence for Reflection
Hymn Ah Holy Jesus (vss. 1 & 2) Hymn # 289

Second Reading Luke 23:1-25 & Matthew 27:19
Silence for Reflection
Anthem Draw Me Nearer

Third Reading Mark 15:16-22
Silence for Reflection
Anthem O Scared Head Now Wounded Bell Ringers

Fourth Reading John 19:16b-27
Silence for Reflection
Nailing Our Sins to the Cross

Fifth Reading Luke 23:32-46a
Silence for Reflection
Music Were You There (vs4) Hymn # 288

Sixth Reading Matthew 27:45-49
Silence for Reflection
Hymn Beneath The Cross Of Jesus (vss1 & 2) Hymn # 297

Message Living A Believers Life ...In Grief

Seventh Reading Luke 23:44-53
Silence for Reflection

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

Anthem Were You There (vss 1, 2, 3 & 5) Hymn #288

The Moment of Death

The Sending Off

Christ is dead. Depart in silence as we await His resurrection.