

Welcome to Our Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae means “darkness.” This service has been a part of the church year for centuries, developing in the monastic communities and then spreading throughout the wider church.

It is a meditation on Christ’s suffering and death through Scripture readings, music, and the symbolic use of lighting. Allow this time of worship to draw you deeper into a time of reflection and meditation on the sacrifice of Jesus, our Christ, as the ultimate declaration of God’s amazing love and grace for all of humanity.

**Those who are able, please stand in body or spirit.*

*(The congregation is invited to join in speaking or singing **items in bold.**)*

TOLLING OF THE BELL

REFLECTION

Save Us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

O crucified Christ; Son of the Father ... and eternal Word of God,

We gather to witness your sacrifice and worship you in Spirit and Truth.

O crucified Christ; holy temple of God ... burning flame of love,

We gather to witness your sacrifice and worship you in Spirit and Truth.

O crucified Christ; sanctuary of justice and love ... source of all faithfulness,

We gather to witness your sacrifice and worship you in Spirit and Truth.

O crucified Christ; ruler of every heart ... in you dwells all the fullness of God,

We gather to witness your sacrifice and worship you in Spirit and Truth.

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sins, redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us, O Christ, and grant us your everlasting peace.

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

A Wind Blew Over Calvary
Lynda Fallica and Diane Starost

Sewell

THE SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Leader: ... you have prepared a cross for your Savior

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

*HYMN (See Insert)

The Old Rugged Cross

The Shadow of Betrayal

Luke 22:1-6, New Testament, p. 86 / P. 105

Silence

Hymn (See Insert)

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit

Matthew 26:36-46

Silence

Hymn (See Insert)

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

The Shadow of Arrest and Desertion

Mark 14:43-50, New Testament, p. 52 / P. 63

Silence

Hymn (See Insert)

Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 1 - 2)

The Shadow of Denial

Mark 14:66-72, New Testament, p. 53 / P. 64

Silence

Hymn (See Insert)

Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 4 - 5)

The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 27:11-18, 21-24, New Testament, p. 32 / P. 39

Silence

Hymn (See Insert)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

Matthew 27:27-37, New Testament, p. 32 / P. 39

Silence

Hymn (See Insert)

They Crucified My Lord (v. 1 - 4)

The Shadow of Death and Burial

Matthew 27:45-54, New Testament, p. 33 / P. 40

John 19:38-42, New Testament, p.114 / P.140

Silence

Special Music

Were You There?

Lynda Fallica and Diane Starost

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Who Am I?

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EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Go out into this dark night in peace, knowing that with the Lord, even darkness is as light.
Live in the promise that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, now and forever more, amen!*

Please depart in silence.

Our worship continues on Easter morning at 10:00 am ...

*“Who Am I”
Casting Crowns*

*Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt?
Who am I, that the bright and morning star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wandering heart?*

Chorus:

*Not because of who I am,
but because of what you’ve done.
Not because of what I’ve done,
but because of who you are.*

*I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still you hear me when I’m calling
Lord, you catch me when I’m falling
And you’ve told me who I am
I am yours*

*Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me?*

Chorus Repeats Twice

*I am yours
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
‘Cause I am yours ... I am yours.*