

## 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

*The Birdcage*

### 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

\*HYMN (See Insert)

*The Old Rugged Cross*

### 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.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Crucifixion*  
Diane Starost

Barber

### 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, New Testament, p. 30 / P. 37

*Silence*

Hymn 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

### The Shadow of Arrest and Desertion

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

*Silence*

Hymn 218

*Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 1 - 2)*

### The Shadow of Denial

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

*Silence*

Hymn 218

*Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 4 - 5)*

### The Shadow of Accusation

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

*Silence*

Hymn 216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

### The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

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

*Silence*

Special Music

*They Crucified My Lord*  
Lynda Fallica and Diane Starost

### The Shadow of Death

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

*Silence*

Special Music

*Were You There?*

Lynda Fallica

### The Shadow of Burial

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

*Silence*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Feel the Nails*

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### EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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*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 ...*

# *“Feel the Nails”*

*Ray Boltz*

*They tell me Jesus died for my transgressions  
And that He paid that price a long, long time ago  
When He gave His life for me on a hill called Calvary  
But there's something else that I want to know*

*Does He still feel the nails every time I fail?  
Does He hear the crowd cry crucify again?  
Am I causing Him pain? Then I know I've got to change  
I just can't bear the thought of hurting Him*

*It seems that I'm so good at breaking promises  
And I treat His precious grace so carelessly  
But each time He forgives, what if he relives  
The agony He felt on that tree?*

*Does He still feel the nails every time I fail?  
Does He hear the crowd cry crucify again?  
Am I causing Him pain? Then I know I've got to change  
I just can't bear the thought of hurting Him*

*Holy ... Holy ... Holy is the Lord  
Holy ... Holy ... Holy is the Lord*

*Do you still feel the nails every time I fail?  
Have I crucified you Jesus with my sin?  
I'm tired of playing games  
I really want to change  
I never want to hurt You again*

*Holy ... Holy ... Holy is the Lord  
Holy ... Holy ... Holy is the Lord*