

Friday in Holy Week
Good Friday
THE TENEBRAE
“A Service of Shadows”, 7:30 PM
March 29, 2024

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***PLEASE ENTER THE NAVE AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE AND SILENCE
ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES.***



***Please stand**

Light print- Leader/**Bold print- Congregation**

SILENT MEDITATION

ANNOUNCING THE DAY/INTRODUCTION

Notes on Tonight's Worship

Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness”) is a liturgy of the Passion from the Gospel according to John. At the conclusion of each reading, a candle is extinguished and the nave grows ever darker as we near the announcement of Jesus' death. At the conclusion of our liturgy this evening, please leave the nave as quietly as possible, refraining from all conversation until leaving the building.

If you care to leave an offering, please do so by way of the offering plates provided.

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in his death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***HYMN** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross **LBW, “Green”, 482**

***THE BIDDING PRAYER**

The pastor will offer a short intercession (a bidding). After each phrase silence will follow.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

John 19:17-37

+ The congregation remains seated until it is read that Jesus came to “the place called the place of a skull...”. When this is read the congregation is asked to stand.

+ As the death of Jesus is read, a loud discord on the organ will be heard (the strepitus) symbolizing the death of Christ. The Paschal Candle will be extinguished for a short time and then relit. This reminds us that for a brief time in history the “Light” did indeed go out.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION (*Seated and bowed*)

HYMN Were You There

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

THE ADORATION OF THE CROSS (*Please kneel if able*)

Behold the life-giving cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.

O come, let us adore him!

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The congregation kneels

HYMN **Ah, Holy Jesus** (*Kneeling*)

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

***DISMISSAL**

**We adore and bless you O Christ,
For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Please leave the nave as quietly as possible.



EASTER SERVICES

The Vigil (Saturday, March 30), 8 pm, Courtyard (weather permitting)

Easter Sunday (Sunday, March 31),

8 am Holy Communion, Nave

9:15 am "Easter Hospitality", Fellowship Hall

10:30 am Holy Communion, Nave

ALL ARE WELCOME!



LEADING IN WORSHIP THIS NIGHT:

Lector

Ralph Zeigler

Lector

Pastor Vasey

Acolyte

Lou Ann Zeigler

Organist

Sam Robinson

Ushers

Tim Maggs, captain Carl Hieber and Charles Kuntz

