

## GOOD FRIDAY

Tenebrae Service



### Friday, April 2, 2021 ~ Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

*THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, meaning “darkness” or “shadows”, has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship services during Holy Week. Tonight we join Christians down through the ages and throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his paths, and the power of silence and darkness suggest the drama of this momentous day. We remember that God revealed his great love for us most fully in the cross of Jesus Christ.*

### Welcome and Work of God’s People

Stuart Spencer

### Music in Preparation for Worship

#### ***Before Thy Throne I Now Appear***

Joel Krott, Organ

J.S. Bach BWV 668

### Call to Worship

Stuart Spencer

Our Lord emptied Himself, being born in human likeness

**On the Cross, divinity took the form of a slave.**

And being found in human form, He humbled Himself

**His righteousness extended through sacrifice**

At Golgotha he became obedient to death

**Even death on a cross**

Thankful for His obedience, let us sing to the Lord.

### Prayer

Stuart Spencer

### Call to Confession

Kelly LePenske

## Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Kelly LePenske

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Most merciful God, we confess that in the midst of trouble we have not stayed faithful to you. Like Peter and the other apostles, too often our own waywardness has gotten the best of us. Too often, seeking to insulate ourselves from the pangs of the world, we have forsaken your way for our own. We have turned a blind eye to those who are hurting, instead letting the world's pain recede into background. On this most solemn Friday, remind us of your passion. In your death, O Lord, come alive in our hearts once again. Amen.

## Special Music

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### ***Were You There When They Crucified My Lord***

Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano

Spiritual, arr. Burleigh  
Joel Krott, Piano

## Scripture Reading

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Mark 15: 33-39

Frantz Constant

## Meditation

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### ***“Centurion Confesses: Truly You Are the Son of God”***

Scripture Text: [Mark 15: 15-39 \(NLT\)](#)

Frantz Constant

## THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS (*Tenebrae*)

### Shadow of Betrayal

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Matthew 26: 17-29

Reader: Kelly LePenske

#### ***Response: My Savior Was Betrayed***

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Hassler

My Savior was betrayed, reproach and pain to meet;  
My sins the Lord conveyed 'fore Pilate's judgment seat;  
These, these did Him deliver into the foe's dire hand;  
I should have felt forever the pangs my Lord sustained.

### Shadow of Desertion

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Matthew 26: 31-35

Reader: Frantz Constant

#### ***Response: O Sacred Head***

Joel Krott, Organ

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### Shadow of Loneliness

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Matthew 26: 36-46

Reader: Stuart Spencer

#### ***Response: 'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow***

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Bradbury

*continued*

'Tis midnight: and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shown.  
'Tis midnight: in the garden now the suffering Savior prays alone.  
'Tis midnight: and from all removed, the Savior wrestles lone with fears;  
E'en that disciple whom he loved heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

## Darkness of Accusation

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Matthew 26: 57-68

Reader: Kelly LePenske

**Response: Christ, Who Knew No Sin or Wrong**

Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano

Harmony: Dupe

Christ Who knew no sin or wrong, Like a thief was taken;  
Led before a godless throng, By His friends forsaken.  
He Who our salvation won, Falsely was convicted;  
Laughed at, scoffed at, span upon, As the Word predicted.

## Shadow of the Crucifixion

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Luke 23: 32-43

Reader: Frantz Constant

**Response: When on the Cross the Savior Hung**

Joel Krott, Organ

J.S. Bach BWV621

**Response: When on the Cross the Savior Hung**

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Lutheran Chorale

When on the cross the Savior hung, And that sore load that on Him weighed,  
With bitter pangs His nature wrung. Seven words amid His pain He said;  
Oh let them well to heart be laid.

## Shadow of Death

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Matthew 27: 45-54

Reader: Stuart Spencer

**Response: Calvary's Mournful Mountain Climb**

Gwen Wilkie, Alto

Redhead

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at His feet,  
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

## Shadow of the Grave

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John 19: 38-42; Isaiah 53: 5-9

Reader: Kelly LePenske

**Response: Resting From His Work Today**

Grace Rykaczewski, Soprano

Resting from His work today, in the tomb the Savior lay;  
Still He slept, from head to feet shrouded on the winding sheet,  
Lying in the tomb alone, hidden by the sealed stone.

So with Thee, till life shall end. I would solemn vigil spend;  
Let me hew Thee, Lord a shrine in this rocky heart of mine,  
Where in pure embalmed cell, none but Thee may ever dwell.

***All depart in silence***

## 7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry

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<b>Organist:</b>	Joel Krott
<b>Audio Technician:</b>	Harris E. Ransom
<b>Live Video Streaming:</b>	Harris A. Ransom
<b>Ushers:</b>	Gary Bender and John Miller
<b>Seminary Interns:</b>	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

**Today's Sanctuary flowers** are a stark and haunting reminder of the crucifixion of the Son of God, and the promise of the Resurrection.

**Live Stream Check-In** -- In an effort to gather data regarding our Sunday live stream, viewers are asked to check in on their smart phone by using the Church Center App. (At this time, Check-in is not available on the computer.) It just takes a few seconds. When watching the live stream from anywhere on Sunday morning:

1. Open the Church Center App on your phone or device. Select the "Check-In" icon (bottom right).
2. Tap the service you are viewing (will say '**Sunday Morning Live Stream**' in the title).
3. Check in yourself and your family members. That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching.

### **Holy Week Schedule** ([See our events page and website](#))

- **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, April 2:** 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship; Frantz Constant preaching. Tenebrae features a gradual extinguishing of candles and "strepitus" or loud noise taking place in the darkness - *Sanctuary, in-person worship*.
- **Moorestown Ministerium Virtual Good Friday Service:** The Last 7 Words of Christ featuring local preachers. Stuart Spencer preaches the 7th word. Available virtually beginning today 12 noon. Visit Trinity Episcopal's YouTube page at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) or our website at [www.fpcmoorestown.org](http://www.fpcmoorestown.org).
- **Easter, April 4:** He is Risen! Celebrate the joy of the Resurrection this Sunday, April 4 with three worship experiences: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship at the Cemetery Cross, Lord's Supper (*in-person outside*); 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – *Miller Commons, live stream only*; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - *Sanctuary, live stream only*.

**Return to Two Sunday Services** -- Beginning on Sunday, April 11, we will offer two worship services and are pleased to be able to safely provide the experience of our Contemporary service. The Traditional service will resume its 8:30 a.m. event time in the sanctuary, and the Contemporary service will begin at 11:00 a.m. in Miller Commons. Sunday School for ages Kindergarten to 6th grade will move to 9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.