



**Friday, April 7, 2023 ~ Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
7:30 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**

Rev. Stuart Spencer

**Music in Preparation for Worship**

Layla Joshi, Organ

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

Brahms Op. 22 No. 2

**Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Rev. Spencer

Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you.

**Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

“If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going.”

**For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness will cover the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon us and His glory will appear over us.**

“While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

**Nations shall come to our light and kings to the brightness of our dawn.**

**Hymn No. 231** (*congregation*)

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

**Prayer**

Rev. Spencer

## Call to Confession

Rev. Wes Allen

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## Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Rev. Allen

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**Holy God, we have not lived in the light. We have not walked as Jesus did. We compromise all too often, living both for You and for ourselves. Your Word calls us to account, and Your Holy Spirit convicts us. We fail to love others, instead choosing to live in darkness. Please cleanse us with your holy light as we confess our brokenness to You.**

## Special Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

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### ***God So Loved the World***

Woliver

Choristers

## Scripture Reading

Rev. Allen

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Psalm 22

## Meditation

Rev. Allen

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***Centurion Confesses: "Truly, You are the Son of God"***

## \*Hymn No. 115 (vs. 1, 4)

***Fairest Lord Jesus***

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## THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS *(Tenebrae)*

### Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26:20-25

Reader: Evan Schad

***Response: My Savior Was Betrayed (congregation)***

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 Abandonment & Arrest

Matthew 26:36-50

Reader: Alivia Nawrocki

***Response: Passion Chorale***

Kuhnau

Joel Krott, Organ

### Shadow of Denial

Matthew 26:69-75

Reader: Lilly Rykaczewski

***Response: 'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow (congregation)***

Bradbury

'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.

## Shadow of Accusation

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Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Reader: Rev. Spencer

### **Response: Meditation for Lent**

Bedford

Choristers & Chapel Choir Girls; Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,  
Where our dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.  
O dearly, dearly has He loved! And we must love Him too,  
and trust in His redeeming love, and try His will to do.

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,  
that we to judge You have in hate pretended?  
By foes detrudded, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted.

## Shadow of Crucifixion & Humiliation

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Matthew 27:31-43

Reader: Caroline Corbin

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

Walther

Joel Krott, Organ

## Shadow of Death

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Matthew 27:45-54

Reader: Rev. Allen

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

Redhead

Grace Sandusky, Soprano

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 Burial

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Matthew 27:57-60

Reader: Cole Legath

### **Response: Resting From His Work Today**

Grace Sandusky, 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 'til 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***

## 7:30 p.m. Worship Ministry

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**Organist:** Joel Krott  
**Pianist:** Kathy Gunsallus  
**Audio Technician:** Harris E. Ransom  
**Live stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki  
**Ushers:** John Miller, Joe Scheideler

- **Easter Sunday:** Worship with us at 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (Cemetery Cross); 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary); and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship (Commons).
- **Church office** is closed on Easter Monday, April 10.