



Friday, March 29, 2024 ~ 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. Wes Allen

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Buxtehude

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Rev. Allen

The light has come into the world, and the world loved darkness rather than light.

**God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them unto the Lord.

Let us worship God!

Hymn No. 221 *(congregation sings)*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Prayer

Rev. Allen

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

No, God, we were not there when they crucified Jesus. But we are today. As we unite our hearts in worship, we too can imagine and visualize in our own small way the sharp pain and deep suffering of our Lord. We have attempted to view history and dismiss any personal involvement or guilt by boldly asserting we would never have acted that way. Yet, we did and still do! As much as we try, we cannot escape the frightening truth that we have contributed to Christ's death on the cross.

It is for our sins and stubborn rebellion that he died on this day. God, forgive our weak and wavering faith, which is more conditioned and controlled by the pressure of the crowds than the presence of Christ. Bring the Crucifixion to our minds so that we might see your wounded, outstretched hands of love. Lift the shadows of sin and drive home the redeeming goodness of this Friday.

(Silent confession)

Through Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of our souls. Amen!

Special Music

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Chapel Choir

Vulpius

Scripture Reading

John 19: 16-30 (Pew Bible page 113 NT)

Rev. Spencer

Meditation

"It is Finished"

Rev. Stuart Spencer

*Hymn No. 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS (*Tenebrae*)

Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26: 17-29 (Pew Bible page 29 NT)

Dr. Leonard Fitts

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 and Arrest

Matthew 26: 31-35

Peg Madorno

Response: *Passion Chorale*

Kuhnau

Joel Krott, Organ

Shadow of Loneliness

Matthew 26: 36-46 (Pew Bible page 30 NT)

Jess Zorn

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

Bradbury

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

'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

Matthew 27: 11-14, 20-29 (Pew Bible page 32 NT)

Rev. Wes Allen

Response: *Meditation for Lent*

Bedford

Choristers and Chapel Choir Girls; Carol Manion, 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 and Humiliation

Luke 23: 32-43 (Pew Bible page 89 NT)

Audrey Barr

Response: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Walther

Joel Krott, Organ

Shadow of Death

Mark 15: 33-39 (Pew Bible page 54 NT)

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Response: *Calvary's Mournful Mountain Climb*

Redhead

Alivia Nawrocki, 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

John 19: 38-42; Isaiah 53: 5-9 (Pew Bible page 114 NT, p. 683 OT)

Ivan Denissov

Alivia Nawrocki, Soprano

Response: Resting From His Work Today

Alivia Nawrocki, 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

Organist:	Joel Krott
Pianist:	Carol Manion
Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Stream Technician:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Ushers:	Jack Terry and Dave Rebuck
Readers:	Rev. Allen, Rev. Spencer, Dr. Leonard Fitts, Peg Madorno, Jess Zorn, Audrey Barr, Ivan Denissov

Easter Sunday March 31: 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). He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Church office is closed on Easter Monday, April 1.