

Tenebrae Service

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from the Gospels of *Matthew* and *John*

March 29, 2013

7:00 p.m.

The Silent Reflection

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The Prelude

The Greeting

Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord our God,
Who redeems us from sin and death.
For us and for our salvation,
Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*The Hymn 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

The Prayer

King Jesus, Your throne is the cross. You are there because of our shouting. You are there because of our silence. It is Friday, but it is not good. We are here, yet we cannot bear to look. In Your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to meet Your eyes – the eyes of unconditional love – and keep watch with disciples and saints of every age. Amen.

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:14-35
Hymn 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane
(verses 1 & 2 only)

THE SHADOW OF AN UNSHARED VIGIL

Matthew 26:36-46
Hymn 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

John 18:1-17
Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

John 18:28-19:16
Anthem

Ah, Holy Jesus
John Ferguson, arr.

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

John 19:17-25
Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Isaac Watts/John T. Burke, arr.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

John 19:25-30
Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB

John 19:31-42
Hymn 76 *My Song is Love Unknown*

Tolling of the Bell

Silent Dismissal

After the bell has tolled, the congregation is invited
to leave the service in prayer and silence.

About *Tenebrae*

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 came to be an important part of the worship of the medieval common folk during Holy Week. Today we join Christians of many generations and from around the world using the liturgy of *Tenebrae*.

Tenebrae is prolonged meditation on Christ’s sufferings. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays His pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggest the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness.

Easter – The Day of Resurrection - Schedule

6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Service, The Presbyterian Church

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service, The Presbyterian Church

9:45 a.m. Church School, The Presbyterian Church



The Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

The Rev. Patrick Dennis, *Associate Pastor*

E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*

Sarah Dennis, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

The Rev. Terry N. Diebold, *Parish Associate*