

Tenebrae Service

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

April 3, 2015

Bold type spoken by the congregation

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 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

The Prayer

(A brief silence will be kept.)

....O crucified Jesus, Ruler of every heart, in You are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in You dwells all the fullness of the Godhead; **we worship You.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world, **grant us peace.**

Almighty God, look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:14-35

Hymn 206

This is the Night
(verses 1 & 2 only)

THE SHADOW OF AN UNSHARED VIGIL

Matthew 26:36-46

Hymn 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane
(verses 1 & 2 only)

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

John 18:1-17

Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

John 18:28-19:16

Hymn 218

Ah, Holy Jesus
(verses 1,2,3 only)

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

John 19:17-25

Anthem

Calvary
Lloyd Larson, arr.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

John 19:25-30

Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB

John 19:31-42

Anthem *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Tolling of the Bell

Silent Dismissal

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

Thanks to our readers tonight: Mary Raye Cox, Joan Darby, Mike Ramsburg

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 suggests 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
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
9:45 a.m. Church School

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