

# Tenebrae Service

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

April 14, 2017

7:00 p.m.

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The Silent Reflection

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

The Prelude

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world,  
and we loved darkness rather than light.

**God is light, in Whom there is no darkness at all.**

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

**Everyone who does evil hates the Light,  
and does not come to the Light.**

**But all who do what is true come to the Light.**

\*The Hymn 216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

The Prayer

**Lord God, on this haunting holy day we come to the place of the skull, the place of the cross, the place of our salvation. In the face of such suffering, show us the face of our Savior. In the shadow of such evil, show us the light of Your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*  
Anthem

*Thy Will Be Done*  
Craig Courtney

## THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

*John 18:1-17*  
Silent Meditation

## THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

*John 18:28-19:16*  
Anthem

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

## THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

*John 19:17-25*  
Hymn 221

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

## THE SHADOW OF DEATH

*John 19:25-30*  
Silent Meditation

## THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB

*John 19:31-42*  
Anthem

*Were You There?*

Tolling of the Bell

Silent Dismissal

The congregation is invited to leave the service in prayer  
and silence after the closing hymn.

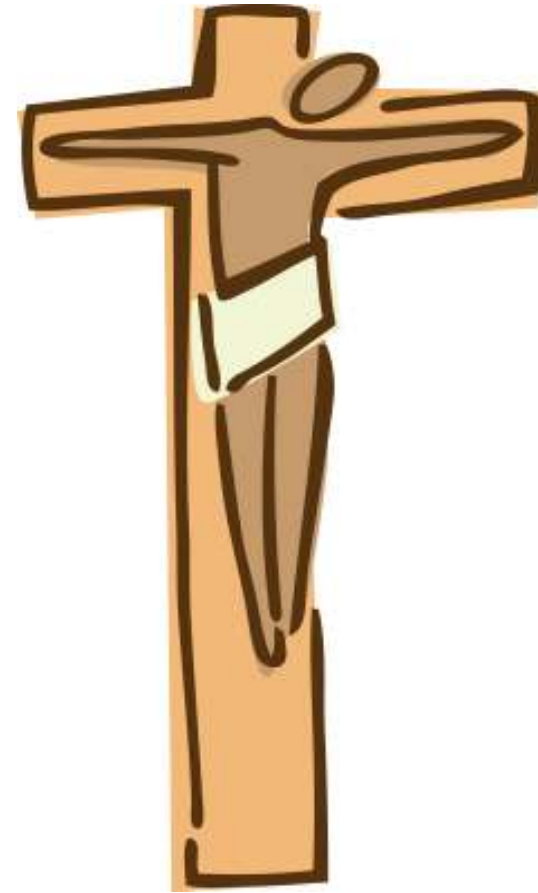
We thank our readers, Deacon Trina Parsons and Elder Tom Wimberly.

**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**



**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.

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**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

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

The Rev. Brittany Tamminga, *Associate Pastor*

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

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