

# Tenebrae SERVICE

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

April 22, 2011

7:00 p.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

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 Anthem

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

Sandra Gay

## 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

*"What Wondrous Love"*

## THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

*John 19:17-25*  
Anthem

*"Calvary"*  
Courtney Nix, soprano

## THE SHADOW OF DEATH

*John 19:25-30*  
Silent Meditation

## THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB

*John 19:31-42*  
Hymn (Choir Only: verses 1-3)  
(All: verse 4)

*"Were You There?"*

**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

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.

**The Labyrinth and Prayer Quilts** are available in the Fellowship Hall after this evening’s service. A 24-hour prayer vigil will begin after the service tonight through 8:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday.

#### **Easter – The Day of Resurrection**

**7:00 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

Thanks to our readers, Lisa Harrison and George Sanderson and ushers, Paul Leimer and Tom Edwards



### *The Presbyterian Church*

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

The Rev. Patrick Dennis, *Associate Pastor*

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