

# Tenebrae Service

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

April 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

***Bold type spoken by the congregation***

Self-service assistive listening devices are located on top of the bookcase at the rear of the Sanctuary on the Princess Anne St. side.

***MASKS ARE TO BE WORN THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.  
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED FOR THE HYMNS.***

The Silent Reflection

*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

The Prelude

*Funeral March*

Ludwig van Beethoven

The Greeting

Tonight we gather to reflect on the meaning of the cross:  
**How Christ our Lord stretched out his arms  
to embrace a world of suffering and sin;**  
How Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us;  
**How Christ our Lord stretched out his arms  
to redeem the world that God loves so much.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord.**

The Hymn 213

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.*

*In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.*

The Prayer

**Most gracious God, look with mercy upon Your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. In penitence and gratitude we approach You this night asking to follow the steps he took for us all. 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  
Anthem

*This Is the Night*

## THE SHADOW OF AN UNSHARED VIGIL

Matthew 26:36-46  
Anthem

*Thy Will Be Done*

Craig Courtney

*Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.  
Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life and gave us hope, gave us Himself.  
My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.  
In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane.  
Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day.  
Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree; and there they broke His body,  
Poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again!*

## THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

John 18:1-27  
Silent Meditation

## THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

John 18:28-19:16  
Hymn 220

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

*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 from Jesus Christ to die.*

## THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

John 19:17-25  
Silent Meditation

## THE SHADOW OF DEATH

John 19:25-30  
Anthem

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

## 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 ringing of the bell.

We thank our reader, Mike Sidebotham

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

8:00 a.m. Outdoor Service on the Church lawn

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (overflow) and Youtube

### **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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