

Good Friday



Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

A Service of Tenebrae

April 10, 2020 ✕ 7:00 pm

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Good Friday*

The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word Tenebrae means “darkness” or “shadows” and commemorates the final hours of our Lord’s life on earth, as He suffered death on the cross. Candles are gradually extinguished symbolizing the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. It also reminds us of our participation in the death of Christ through our sins. The final candle, representing Christ, is removed at the conclusion of the service symbolizing His death. The service ends in darkness.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Anita Thompson

We have come to walk the path Christ walked –
from the upper room to the garden,
from the garden to the court,
from the court to the cross,
and from the cross to the tomb.

We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love’s ultimate sacrifice.
Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God’s
love might look like this: a forsaken Savior on a cross?

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. Mark Edwards

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary’s mountain,
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:18-27

Dr. Gilliam

HOMILY

The Long View

Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. Mark Edwards

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

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✠ *The Prediction of Judas’ Betrayal & Institution of the Lord’s Supper*

THE FIRST LESSON

Matthew 26:17-29

ANTHEM

How Beautiful

arr. Lloyd Larson

THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *In the Garden of Gethsemane*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 26:30-44

VOCAL SOLO

When You Prayed Beneath the Trees

Lloyd Larson

Jim Wiggins

THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *The Betrayal & Arrest*

THE THIRD LESSON

Matthew 26:45-66

ANTHEM

O Lamb of God

arr. Lloyd Larson

THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *Peter's Denial*

THE FOURTH LESSON
VOCAL SOLO

Matthew 26:67-75
Written in Red
Vicky Overman

arr. Camp Kirkland

THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *Jesus is Sentenced to Death*

THE FIFTH LESSON
ORGAN SOLO

Matthew 27:1-26
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

arr. Michael Burkhardt

THE FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *The Crucifixion*

THE SIXTH LESSON
PIANO SOLO

Matthew 27:27-50
What Wondrous Love is This

arr. Fred Bock

THE SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

✠ *The Aftermath*

THE SEVENTH LESSON
HYMN 185

Matthew 27:51-54
The Old Rugged Cross

arr. Don Chapman

THE SEVENTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

RECESSIONAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SILENCE

*You are invited to observe a moment of silence,
reflecting on Christ's sacrifice for you . . . for us.*

Due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, this worship service is led by a small group, and broadcast over the radio (FM 99.3), through our church website, and on Facebook live.

*Jennifer Joyner, Narrator ♦ Lou Ann Gilliam, Acolyte
Vicky Overman, Soprano ♦ Jim Wiggins., Tenor*

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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