



Good Friday

Tenebrae Service



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The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been celebrated by the church since medieval times. Once a service for monastic communities, Tenebrae later became an important part of Holy Week. Tenebrae features readings from scripture that retell the story of Christ’s passion, followed by the extinguishing of candles. As the sanctuary descends into darkness, we remember the depth of Christ’s suffering and death. At the end of the service, the darkness is pierced by the relighting of the Christ candle, which anticipates the joy of the coming resurrection.

Prelude

Were You There
Judy Kabodian, Organist

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Call to Worship

Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe

One Come to this place apart to pray;
God, who has given us life, meets us here.

**All Will God be revealed to us on this dark day?
Has not God turned away and forsaken us?**

One Come, all who weary and discouraged.
God, whom you have trusted, has not deserted you.

**All Will God hear our cries and replenish our strength?
Who can believe in the midst of such sorrow?**

One This is a night to remember.
Let us worship our Lord in the shadow of the cross.

Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” v. 1-3

no. 220

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Rev. Haley Hansen

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too shameful to ignore. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to use a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in the likeness of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Assurance of Pardon

Solo

“He Never Said a Mumblin’ Word”

arr. Moses Hogan

Ben Clements, Bass

First Reading

Shadow of Betrayal
Matthew 26:20-25

John Lindley

Second Reading

Shadow of Desertion
Matthew 26:31-35

Diane Shafer

Musical Interlude

What Wondrous Love is This

Third Reading

Agony of the Soul
Luke 22:39-44

Beth Lundy

Fourth Reading

Unshared Vigil
Mark 14:32-41

Mark Grua

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus v. 1-2, 4-5

no. 218

Fifth Reading

Father, the Hour is Come
John 17:1-6

Jim McClurken

<i>Sixth Reading</i>	That They May All Be One John 17:15-22	David Stone
<i>Musical Interlude</i>	O Sacred Head Now Wounded	
<i>Seventh Reading</i>	Arrest at the Gate John 18:1-5	Emily Anderson
<i>Eighth Reading</i>	Shadow of the Cross Mark 15:16-20	Jody Knoll
<i>Solo</i>	“Were You There” Ben Clements, Bass	
<i>Meditation</i>	“Before and After”	Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe
<i>Extinguishing of the Christ Candle</i>		
<i>Darkness and Silence</i>		
<i>Final Reading</i>	John 1:1-5	
<i>Departure (those in the sanctuary are asked to leave in silence)</i>		

*Readers: John Lindley, Diane Shafer, Beth Lundy, Mark Grua, Jim McClurken, David Stone,
Emily Anderson, Jody Knoll*

Join us for our Easter Services!

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary (10:30 service is also available on YouTube Livestream and ASL interpreted).