

What is a *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 became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of *Tenebrae*.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. 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 event. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death. Even so, we still dare to hold onto the great hope of a risen Lord on Sunday!

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Good Friday
April 15, 2022

Enter in Silence

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

First Reading The Shadow of Agony Luke 22:39-46
 Rod Johnson

Second Reading The Shadow of Arrest John 18:1-8
 Sandra Finseth

* Hymn #335 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (repeated)*

Third Reading The Shadow of Denial Matthew 26:69-75
 Crystal Drenth

Fourth Reading The Shadow of Accusation Mark 15:1-15
 David Paulson

Open Prayer of Confession

Anyone is invited to add their confession of sin to this communal prayer. Simply say, "Lord, forgive me for _____."

* **Assurance of Forgiveness**

* Hymn #175 *Hallelujah, What a Savior! (v 1-3)*

Fifth Reading The Shadow of Mockery Matthew 27:27-31
 Lou Muilenburg

Sixth Reading The Shadow of Crucifixion Luke 23:32-43
 Susan Piper

Choir Anthem *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
 Mike Hansen, clarinet

Sermon What Our Deeds Deserve

* Hymn #210 *Jesus Paid It All (v 1-4)*

Seventh Reading The Shadow of Death Matthew 27:45-54
 Sara Rasmussen

Eighth Reading The Shadow of the Grave John 19:38-42
 David Lembke

Solo *Were You There?* Ava Cunningham

Leave in Silence

*Please know you are welcome to stay for as long as you like.
Church staff will be available in the front pews to pray with you.*

** Please stand if you are able.*