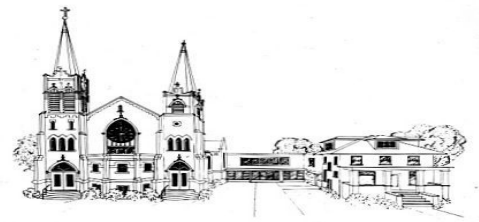


Faith At Home

Friday, April 10, Good Friday



Guide to Setting up a Tenebrae Worship in the home.

First, find a quiet place where you can control the lighting and set up nine candles. One of the candles should be taller than the others, this candle will remain lit at the end of the service. The other 8, you will extinguish after each reading.

Second, prepare a Bible with the readings ahead of the your time together. Appoint which family members will read each assigned reading ahead of beginning the Tenebrae.

Finally, turn out all extra lights. Leave on just enough light to read.

A Tenebrae service is a service of darkness and silence. Take time to honor the increasing darkness as each candle is extinguished and give 30 to 60 seconds for each moment of silence.

The Tenebrae

Begin by lighting the tallest candle, this candle is the Christ Candle, and represents Christ's eternal presence with us.

Greeting

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Opening Prayer

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Light the additional 8 candles. These candles will be extinguished one at a time, after each of the readings.

Reading 1

Matthew 26:31-46

Sing or say (2x)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Extinguish one candle

Brief silence for reflection.

Reading 2

Matthew 26:47-56

Sing or say (2x)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Extinguish one candle

Brief silence for reflection.

Reading 3

Matthew 26:57-75

Sing or say (2x)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

Extinguish one candle

Brief silence for reflection.

Reading 4

Matthew 27:1-10

Sing or say (2x)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

Extinguish one candle

Brief silence for reflection.

Reading 5

Matthew 27:11-31

Sing or say (2x)

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has
come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch
and pray.

Extinguish one candle

Brief silence for reflection.

Reading 6

Matthew 27:32-44

Sing or say (2x)

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has
come. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch
and pray.

Extinguish one candle

Brief silence for reflection.

Reading 7

Matthew 27:45-61

Say together the Lord's Prayer

Extinguish one candle

Brief silence for reflection.

Reading 8

Matthew 27:62-66

Say together the Lord's Prayer

Extinguish one candle

Brief silence for reflection.

If you have a hymnal at home, or are able to use a
YouTube channel video, sing or play the hymn
"Were You There"

Observe a moment of silence

The Tenebrae simply ends in silence. The household
may return to its normal routines

Additional activities

Consider cutting hearts out and placing them in your
windows, take pictures and find the FB Group about
hearts and post the pictures.

Consider creating crosses that can be hung around
the house.

Take a moment as a family to discuss one or more of
the readings from the Tenebrae. What surprised
you? What reading was the most difficult to read
through?

How does Jesus death on a cross bring comfort in a
time of quarantine?