

TENEBRAE SERVICE
GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024 | 7 PM

THE PASSION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Prelude Pierre Lawrence
Welcome to the Service of Shadows & Opening Prayer Pastor Glenn Cohrs

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Extinguishing of the Candle
Verse: John 18:1-11 Pastor Glenn Cohrs
Call to Worship: "Lead Me to Calvary", No. 176 Congregation

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Extinguishing of the Candle
Verse: John 18:12-18 Kimberly Drew
Verse: John 18:19-27 Catherine Meekins
Special Music "Gethsemane Hymn" Choir

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Extinguishing of the Candle
Verse: John 18:28-40 Pastor Ryan Drew
Hymn: "Behold the Lamb", No. 179 Congregation

THE SHADOW OF SUFFERING

Extinguishing of the Candle
Verse: John 19:1-11 Olga Llerena
Song: "How Deep the Father's Love For Us" Congregation

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Extinguishing of the Candle
Verse: John 19:12-16a Gloria Williams
Verse: John 19:16b-27 Sue Bates
Special Music "There is a Fountain/Thank You, Jesus, for the Blood" Choir

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Extinguishing of the Candle
Verse: John 19:28-37 Diane Cohrs
Special Music "Christ, the True and Better" Choir

THE SHADOW OF DEFEAT

Extinguishing of the Candle
Verse: John 19:38-42 Pastor Jesse Meekins

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

"Were You There?" Lee Oberg
Tolling of the Bells

RELIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

"Amazing Grace" Patty Gonsky

Retiring of the Congregation:
The ushers will dismiss you by row in silence.

“Tenebrae” is a Latin word meaning shadows, and seems to have been applied to this service because the sequence of order is accompanied by ever-deepening shadows during the service.

The Sanctuary is brilliantly lit at the beginning of the service. The lights are dimmed as it continues, until at the end, there is total darkness except for the Christ Candle in front of the Sanctuary. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and the resentment and rejection of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the Cross.

The Christ Candle is extinguished in remembrance of the Crucifixion, and the tolling of the 33 bells – one for each year of Christ’s earthly life. The Christ Candle is then relit to symbolize the hope we have through the living Christ as we anticipate His resurrection three days hence.



Please Note: *If this service is to hold the most significant experience for us all, after the Christ Candle has been relit, the congregation will leave by the front doors only. To avoid confusion or haste, those in the front pews should leave first, the remainder of the congregation following in order; the ushers will guide you. Please wait for their assistance.*

Please observe absolute silence as you leave the Sanctuary, which will remain darkened.



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