

Good Friday Tenebrae

A Service of Shadows

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 day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice, and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

Prelude

*Greeting

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

People: who redeems us from sin and death.

Leader: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This #666 vv 1-3

Prayer

With sorrow and remorse we come before you, pleading for your mercy for the sin that stains your beautiful world. Bring us to the foot of the cross, where our sin is washed with your blood. Give us the courage to look upon you, and face what we have done and what we have failed to do. Be merciful. Be Just. Be Grace. Amen

The Shadow of Betrayal

Reading

Luke 23:3-8, 13-23

Response

Ah, Holy Jesus

#349 vv 1-3

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest

Reading

Luke 22:39-53

Response

Go to Dark Gethsemane

#347 vv 1-4

The Shadow of Denial

Reading Luke 22:54-62
Response Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus #802 vv. 1-3

The Shadow of Accusation

Reading Luke 22:54-23:26
Response *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #803

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

Reading Luke 23:26-43
Response *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* #351 vv. 1-4

The Shadow of Death

Reading Luke 23:44-49
Response *Were You There* #353 vv. 1-3

Meditation- Everything Must Change

The Christ Candle is Extinguished

The Shadow of Burial

Reading Luke 23:50-53
Response *Were You There?* #353 vv 4-5

Silence

Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This* #666 vv 1, 4

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*Please Leave in Silence continuing our worship on Easter Sunday at 9:30

*A special thanks to all those who participated in tonight's worship.

