



Passion

Good Friday

Tenebrae Worship Service

April 10, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING DIALOGUE

We gather to participate in the ancient Tenebrae service, the service of darkness.

The candles will be gradually extinguished to remind us of the gathering darkness around Jesus as he moved through his passion to his death.

I invite you now to come and celebrate the presence of our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We come as we are. Some of us had to rush to get here. Some of us have difficulty settling down. Some of us are troubled and in the midst of trials. Some of us feel rather empty.

Whoever you are, wherever you are, however you came, whatever you are thinking or feeling. God welcomes you with his loving care.

PRAYER

Our hearts are heavy as we worship our crucified Lord.

Jesus lived for our sins.

We watch in horror as we see Jesus hanging on the cross.

Jesus died for our sins.

We see the evil in the world surrounding us.

Jesus died for our sins.

We too have denied our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, Lord.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

We ask you to look with mercy upon your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross. Be present as we gather to worship as one body in many places. Amen.

HYMN

Stay with Me

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.

Watch and pray. (Repeat)

ARREST

John 18:1-14

Candle extinguished

Silence for reflection and prayer

HYMN

Stay with Me

DENIAL

John 18:15-27

Candle Extinguished

Silence for reflection and prayer

HYMN

Stay with Me

TRIAL

John 18:28-40

Candle Extinguished

Silence for reflection and prayer

HYMN

Stay with Me

VERDICT

John 19:1-16a

Candle Extinguished

Silence for reflection and prayer

HYMN

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

DEATH

John 19:16b-30

Candle Extinguished

Silence for reflection and prayer

HYMN

Were You There

Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

SCRIPTURE FULFILLED

John 19:31-37

Candle extinguished
Silence for reflection and prayer

HYMN

Were You There

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

BURIAL

John 19:38-42

Candle extinguished
Silence for reflection and prayer

SONG

And the Crowd Cried Out
Sung by Richard Stinson

Jay Althouse

Removal of Christ Candle
Bell tolls 33 times

One for each year Jesus lived among us before his crucifixion.

The Christ Candle is returned to remind us of the hope we share in the come Resurrection.

We will remain live for a time of quiet meditation at the end of the service.

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The Office Tenebrae (which means ‘darkness’ or ‘shadows’) is a Holy Week devotion which dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses.

The purpose of the Tenebrae is to aid the worshipper in realizing the total impact of the darkest day in history of the world, the day on which Christ died on the cross. The service is in complete contrast to Easter, the most glorious day in the church. The mood desired is what the followers of Jesus must have felt on the Friday – shock, despair, gloom, grief, and sadness.

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