



TENEBRAE
SERVICE OF DARKNESS

Friday, March 25, 2016 | 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Good Friday stands at the center of the cycle of Holy Week services. Following Maundy Thursday, recalling the Last Supper, Good Friday focuses on Jesus' abandonment and death. The service of Tenebrae, which means "shadows," is an extended meditation on the cross of Christ. Using Scripture passages, music, and light, the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion is retold in dramatic fashion. After each lesson a candle is extinguished until the final candle is quenched, symbolizing the death of our Lord. The service concludes without a benediction, awaiting the resurrection of our Lord on Easter morning.

Prelude

"O Darkest Woe"

John A. Behnke

Hymn

"O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile"

Maryton

O come and mourn with me awhile;
O come ye to the Saviour's side;
O come, together let us mourn;
Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

A broken heart, a fount of tears,
Ask, and they will not be denied;
Lord Jesu, may we love and weep,
Since Thou for us art crucified.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 22

Pastor: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

**People: O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.
Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.**

Pastor: In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them.

**People: To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.
But You, O LORD, do not be far off! O You my help, come quickly to my aid!**

Pastor: I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:

**People: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and
stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn No. 178

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Passion Chorale

Reading of the Law

Galatians 3:10-12

"For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, 'Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.' Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them."

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 3:13-14

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”

Prayer of Intercession

Hymn No. 185

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hamburg

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

John Crüger

Sanctuary Choir; Marlisa Woods, violin

arr. John Ferguson

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected.

Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon thee?
Alas my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I crucified thee.

‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, ‘Twas I.

~Johann Heermann; trans. Robert Bridges

Scripture Lesson

Luke 23:44-49

page 884, pew Bible

Sermon

“The Son in the Father’s Hands”

Dr. Todd Smedley

Hymn No. 196

“There is a Fountain”

Cleansing Fountain

Service of Tenebrae

LESSON I—Matthew 26:36-46

Jesus’ disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane

LESSON II—Matthew 26:47-56

Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss

LESSON III—Matthew 26:57-68

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

LESSON IV—Matthew 26:69-75

Peter’s denial

LESSON V—Matthew 27:15-26

Jesus before Pilate

LESSON VI—Matthew 27:27-44

The soldiers mock Jesus

LESSON VII—Matthew 27:45-50

The death of Jesus

LESSON VIII—Matthew 27:51-54

Surely, He was the Son of God

Choir Response

Dan Forrest

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”
Sanctuary Choir; Marlisa Woods, violin; Traci Klemm, piano

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears:
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne, my Surety stands.
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O, forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled,
His pard'ning voice I hear,
He owns His child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

Arise, my soul, arise!
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.
Arise, my soul, arise.

~Charles Wesley

Silence is observed as we leave the Sanctuary in preparation for celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

Pastors

Dr. Todd Smedley, *Senior Pastor*;
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