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Tenebrae: A Service of Worship for Good Friday

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

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 event.

As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the sound of the “strepitus.” The word *strepitus* means “loud noise” and symbolizes the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Matt. 27:51) at Jesus’ death, and foreshadows the “violent earthquake” (Matt. 28:2) at the opening of Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning.

Please enter in silence.

The Approach to God

Prelude: Chaconne in F minor

Pachelbel

Greeting

Leader: The light has come into the world,
And the world loved darkness rather than light.

**People: God sent his Son into the world,
Not to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him.**

Opening Prayer

Most gracious God,
look with mercy upon your children gathered here
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed,
given into sinful hands
and suffered death upon the cross.
Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals
as we enter the way of his passion;
through him who lives and reigns
with the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

* Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Luke 22:1-6

Reader: Eric Durbin

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Ah, Holy Jesus*

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Ah, Holy Jesus
How have you offended,
That mortal judgement
Has on you descended?
By foes derided
By your own rejected,
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that
has undone you.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus,
I it was denied you.
I crucified you.

THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF THE SPIRIT

Matthew 26:36-44

Reader: Rachel Ehorn

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Response *Arise, My Soul Arise*

Dan Forrest

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 pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And Father, Abba, Father, cry.

THE SHADOW OF ARREST

Mark 14:43-50

Reader: Jack Robinson

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Poem of Response *Judas, Peter*

Luci Shaw
Reader: John Schuurman

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Mark 14:66-72

Reader: Doug Penney

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* Hymn of Response: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Matthew 27:11-17, 21-26

Reader: Dee Netzel

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *My Song Is Love Unknown*

Edwin T. Childs

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Why, what has my Lord done
To cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
And gave the blind their sight.
What injuries! Yet these are why
The Lord most high so cruelly dies.

Sometimes they strew his way
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their king.
Then "Crucify" is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,
Of him my soul adores.
Never was love, dear king,
Never was grief like yours!
This is my friend in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Matthew 27:27-37

Reader: Anna Gissing

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Response: *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs*

Karl H. Graun

Surely he hath borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Matthew 27: 45-54

Reader: Colin Holman

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Response

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

John 19:38-42

Reader: George Garrison

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Response: *Were You There?*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?...

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?...
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...

Silent meditation

Strepitus

Dismissal

Leader: May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

People: Amen.

The people leave in silence.

“Judas, Peter”

because we are all
betrayers, taking
silver and eating
body and blood and asking
(guilty) is it I and hearing
him say yes
it would be simple for us all
to rush out
and hang ourselves
but if we find grace
to cry and wait
after the voice of morning
has crowed in our ears
clearly enough
to break our hearts
he will be there
to ask us each again
do you love me?

— Luci Shaw

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