

Good Friday Worship Service

A Tenebrae Service ~ April 14, 2017

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows” is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his sorrow and suffering, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness; 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.

The Approach to God

Prelude and Silent Meditation

Call to Worship

*Hymn:

O Mighty Cross

Green #317:1-4

*Opening Prayer

The Service of the Last Supper

The Institution

The Invitation

The Commemoration

The Bread

The Cup

Prayer of Dedication

The Service of Shadows

The Shadow of Betrayal

Reading: Matthew 26:20-25

Silent reflection and the first candle is extinguished

Response:

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended

Gray #386:1,2,4

The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit & Arrest

Reading: Matthew 26:36-50

The second candle is extinguished

Response:

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Gray #381:1-3

The Shadow of Desertion & Denial

Reading: Mark 14:50, 66-72

The third candle is extinguished

Response:

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Gray #383:1-3

The Shadow of Accusation

Reading: Matthew 27:11-18, 21-26

The fourth candle is extinguished

Response:

Man of Sorrows – What a Name

Gray #482:1-5

The Shadow of Crucifixion & Humiliation

Reading: Matthew 27:27-40

The fifth candle is extinguished

Response:

Were You There

Gray #377:1,2

The Shadow of Death

Reading: Matthew 27:45-54

The sixth candle is extinguished

Response:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gray #384:1-3

The Shadow of Burial

Reading: John 19:38-42

The Christ Candle Is Removed

Response:

Were You There

Gray #377:3

Silent Reflection

Our Profession of Faith ~ The Apostles’ Creed

The Christ Candle Is Restored

Benediction

Hymn:

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gray #384:4

Dismissal

Heritage Church

Communication Slip

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am a...

- 1st time guest 2nd time guest
 Regular Attender Member

My Age Group:

My Marital Status:

- 13-17 Single
 18-24 Married
 25-34 Divorced
 35-44
 45-54 I am a member of
 55-65 another church?
 65 + No Yes

How did you hear about us?

- Friend Newspaper
 Yellow Pages Direct Mail
 Other _____

My decision today:

- I am committing my life to Jesus Christ
 I am rededicating my life to Jesus Christ
 I would like to talk with a pastor

I would like to know...

- How to begin a relationship with Christ
 How to grow in my relationship Christ
 How to join a Small Group
 How to become a member
 How to get a tape of today's message.

Please see other side...