



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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March 29, 2024

Good Friday Tenebrae

*Deposition, 1600–1604, Caravaggio*

# Today's Service

## About the Tenebrae Service

The service of Tenebrae, or “shadows,” is an ancient tradition in the church.

The Scripture readings urge us to re-live the events that led to Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion.

The stripping of the Sanctuary’s decorations emphasizes the falling away of Jesus’ followers, including ourselves.

The diminishing of light represents the power of darkness and evil.

No offering is received, as a sign that nothing we bring secures our salvation; the forgiveness of our sins, and our life itself, are gifts of God’s grace alone.

The Strepitus—the slamming of the door at the end of the service—represents the closing of the tomb.

The service ends in darkness and silence. You may leave whenever you wish after the Strepitus. Please observe the vigil of silence until you are outside of the Sanctuary and Narthex.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25, or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 and John 18:1-19:42.

## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie W. Finley  
Thomas Klein  
Nancy Klein  
Carl Klein  
Bryan Kingsley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Jack Reeder  
Sanctuary Choir  
Brian Hoffman, Cellist  
Rick Day

## Prelude

*Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 2 in D minor*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

## Introit

### Out of the Depths

Robert McConnell

Out of the depths have I cried unto you,  
O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

—Psalm 130:1-2



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## The Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, our God, in you our ancestors trusted, to you they cried aloud.

**People: Since before our mothers bore us, you have been our God.**

Leader: Do not be far from us, for trouble is near.

**People: Source of refuge, come quickly to our aid.**

Leader: Lest we forget the cost of discipleship,  
let us remember faith's hardest story to bear.

**All: With humble and open hearts, let us worship God.**

### \*Hymn No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### Litany of Confession

Leader: O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,

**People: We worship you.**

Leader: O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High,  
gate of heaven, burning flame of love,

**People: We worship you.**

Leader: O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness,  
source of all faithfulness,

**People: We worship you.**

Leader: O crucified Jesus, ruler of ever heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom  
and knowledge, in you dwell all the fullness of the Godhead,

**People: We worship you.**

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**People: Grant us peace.**

Leader: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus  
Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of the  
sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

### Homily

Kristie Finley

# Service of Tenebrae

## First Lesson

John 12:1-8

Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet

## \*Hymn No. 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

## Second Lesson

John 13:1-17

Jesus Washes his Disciples' Feet

## Anthem

Out of the Deep from Requiem

John Rutter

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him; and in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

—Psalm 130

## Third Lesson

John 13:31-38

Jesus Teaches his Disciples to Love

## \*Hymn No. 215

What Wondrous Love

## Fourth Lesson

John 13:21-30

Jesus Predicts Judas' Betrayal

## Anthem

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,  
Giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.  
For us thy wretched folk is any word?  
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?  
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds,  
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?  
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,  
That very suffering may thy mercy win.  
This is the night of tears, the three days' space,  
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,  
Until the day break with the risen Christ,  
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.  
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,  
That they may sharers of thy glory be;  
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,  
To win the laughter of thine Easter day.

—Peter Abelard, trans. Helen Waddell

Solus ad victimam

Kenneth Leighton

## Fifth Lesson

John 18:1-12

Judas Betrays Jesus

## \*Hymn No. 218

Ah Holy Jesus

## Sixth Lesson

John 18:15-27

Peter Denies Jesus

## Anthem

When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
In mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
Seized all the guilty world around.

—Perez Morton

When Jesus Wept

William Billings, arr. Robert Shaw and Alice Parker

## Seventh Lesson

John 19:1-16

The Crowd Calls for Jesus' Crucifixion

**\*Hymn No. 228** (verses 1-4)

Were You There

## **Eighth Lesson**

John 19:17-30  
Jesus is Crucified

## **Musical Reflection**

De Profundis (Out of the Depths)  
Jean Langlais

## **Ninth Lesson**

John 19:38-42  
Jesus is Buried

## **Solo Response**

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were You There?

## **Strepitus**

*Please leave in silence.*

## Note on the music:

The music in tonight's service is structured around the words of Psalm 130, "Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord." In his bitter passion and death, Jesus meets us at the very depths of our human experience. These depths are symbolized by the solo cello, which begins the service playing a somber Sarabande by Johann Sebastian Bach. This Sarabande runs directly into the Introit, a haunting setting of the first two verses of Psalm 130 that was written for tonight's service.

The Introit is complimented by John Rutter's setting of Psalm 130 from his *Requiem*. The solo cello and dark harmonies lend this piece an atmosphere both plaintive and yearning, though the music opens a window to a faint glimmer of hope in its setting of the words, "O Israel, trust in the Lord."

The anthem *Solus ad Victimam* by the twentieth-century English composer Kenneth Leighton is tortured, highly dissonant, deeply emotional, and inhabits a sound world that is simultaneously ancient and modern.

The musical reflection *De Profundis* by the French composer Jean Langlais is one of the darkest pieces in the solo organ repertoire. It is based on the chorale tune *Aus tiefer Not*, a paraphrase of Psalm 130 by Martin Luther. The final bars of the piece evoke the breath slowly going out of the lungs of Jesus.

# Easter Sunday

## Sunrise Service

Sunday, March 31

6:30 AM, South Lawn

Join us for coffee and a light breakfast  
in the Great Room following worship.

*In case of inclement weather, worship will be in the Chapel.*

## Traditional Services

Sunday, March 31

9:00 and 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

## Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 31

10:00 AM, South Lawn

Bring your Easter baskets and  
join us in between services for an Egg Hunt.



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