



First Presbyterian Church
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Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient and wise



Tenebrae Service

Good Friday

April 15, 2022 • 7:30 PM

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. Leave whenever you wish after the Strepitus. Please observe the vigil of silence until you are outside of the Sanctuary and Narthex.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday morning as we worship the risen Christ: services at 7:00 a.m. in the Memorial Garden, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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Prelude

O Mensch bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622
(O Man, lament your great sin)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

*Call to Worship

adapted from Isaiah 53

Leader: He was despised and rejected by others;
A man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity.

People: He was wounded for our transgressions,
Upon him was the punishment that made us whole.

Leader: Like a lamb that is led to slaughter,
And like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
So he did not open his mouth.

People: All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have all turned to our own way,
And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

All: Let us worship the suffering servant, our God!

*Please stand as you are able.

Introit

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Isaac Watts, 1707

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Litany of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you are always faithful, even when we betray you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you claim us as your own, even when we deny you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you clothe us in your righteousness,
even when we give you a crown of thorns.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you bless us with your word, even when we mock and curse you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you reach out to us in love, even when we reject and despise you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you pour out your grace for us, even when we give you sour wine.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus Christ, you give your life to save us, even though we crucify you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Silent Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, when Jesus cried and breathed his last,
you tore away the ancient curtain
between heaven and earth, life and death.**

**As we turn to face the cross, show us Jesus, in his suffering and glory,
that we may believe, be forgiven, and have eternal life;
through Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn No. 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Tune: REST

First Lesson

Matthew 26: 36-46

Garden of Gethsemane

Hymn No. 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Tune: REDHEAD 76

Second Lesson

Matthew 26: 46-68 (selected verses)

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

***Hymn No. 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

Third Lesson

Matthew 26: 69-75

Peter's Denial of Jesus

Hymn No. 218

Ah, Holy Jesus

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Fourth Lesson

Matthew 27: 1-2, 11-26

Jesus Brought Before Pilate

Hymn No. 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

Sermon/Meditation

Musical Interlude

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

(O World, I now must leave thee)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Fifth Lesson

Matthew 27: 27-44 (selected verses)

Jesus is Crucified

***Hymn No. 228**

Were You There

Tune: WERE YOU THERE

Sixth Lesson

Matthew 27: 45-60

Jesus Breathes His Last

The Strepitus

Please depart in silence.