



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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

Tenebrae Service

Good Friday

April 7, 2023 • 7:30 PM



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. If your hearing aid is so equipped, switch it into this mode. If you do not have this type of hearing aid, assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

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 chorales from Johann Sebastian Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" invite us to feel the poignancy of Jesus' sacrifice.

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.

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

*Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Chorale

*Remember me, my Savior, my Shepherd lead me home:
Thou, source of every blessing, from whom all good things come.
Thy mouth doth now refresh me with milk and honey given;
O Savior, heal and bless me, and fix my heart on Heaven.*

*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!

*Hymn No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

TUNE: HAMBURG

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.

Prayer of Assurance

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.

Anthem

"Kyrie" from *Memorial*

René Clausen, 2003

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
(Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy)
Lord, have mercy, grant us peace.

First Lesson

John 13: 31-38

Jesus Teaches his Disciples to Love

Chorale

*Near Thee will I be staying, thine anguish, Lord, to share;
I'll evermore be praying that I Thy grief might bear.
And when Thy life is fading, and thorns adorn thy brow,
yet will I still be waiting to strengthen every vow.*

*Hymn No. 205

Ubi Caritas

TUNE: UBI CARITAS

Second Lesson

John 14 (selected verses)

Jesus Comforts his Disciples

Chorale

*Whate'er may vex or grieve thee, to God commit thy ways,
who nevermore will leave thee, and highest heaven obeys.
By God the clouds are guided, the winds arise and blow;
by God the path provided, where now thy feet may go.*

*Hymn No. 366 (stanzas 1 and 2)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

TUNE: HYFRYDOL

Third Lesson

John 18: 1-12

Judas Betrays Jesus

Chorale

*What you, my Lord, are suffering was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain.
So here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve that place;
Lord, look on me with favor and grant to me your grace.*

Hymn No. 218

Ah, Holy Jesus

TUNE: HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Fourth Lesson

John 18: 15-27

Peter Denies Jesus

Chorale

*Filled with grief, from Thee I wandered, yet I seek Thy face again;
all the more whenever I ponder on my dying Savior's pain.
Now my guilt do I confess; yet thy grace and righteousness,
and thy gifts are far excelling all the sin within me dwelling.*

Anthem

Wondrous Love

Traditional, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, 1960

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul*

*When I was sinking down, O my soul,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great "I am,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

Fifth Lesson

John 19: 1-16

The Crowd Calls for Jesus' Crucifixion

Chorale

*O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what joy till now was thine.
Despised, but never sorry, I joy to call thee mine.*

***Hymn No. 228**

Were You There

TUNE: WERE YOU THERE

Sixth Lesson

John 19: 17-30

Jesus is Crucified

Chorale

*When life begins to fail me, then do not part from me.
When pains of death assail me, my comfort you will be.
When fear and death shall grieve me, I seek to find relief,
I know you will not leave me, for you have borne my griefs.*

The Strepitus

Please depart in silence.

holy week

During Holy Week, we invite you to visit our Prayer Stations and Labyrinth, designed for all ages, for reflection and prayer.

As we seek this Lenten season, engage with our interactive Prayer Stations and reflect on questions to deepen your faith. We encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble, and hope you will soften your assumptions and expand your perspectives as you seek answers to the big questions about our lives and our faith. Please feel free to walk the labyrinth on the South Lawn at any time, or begin or end your journey through the prayer stations with a contemplative walk.

easter sunday *APRIL 9*

Sunrise Outdoor Worship, 7:00 AM in the Memorial Garden
Easter Services, 9:00 and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM on the Parish House Lawn



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