



What Is a Tenebrae Service?

Because this is Holy Week, the purpose of this service of worship is to reflect deeply on the sufferings and death of Christ for us and our salvation. This service recreates the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

Please enter humbly, worship deeply, and leave quietly this evening with your heart centered on the suffering of Christ for you and your salvation. You will observe a diminishing of light throughout the service in the pattern of tenebrae worship.

"It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three... Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:44,46

Thank you for being a part of our Good Friday worship service. We invite you also to return and celebrate with us the risen Christ on Easter Sunday, when our services will be:

Easter Sunrise Service – 6:15 AM to Sunrise at 6:45 AM
Veteran's Park Gazebo

Easter Worship 8:30 and 10:00 AM



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Good Friday Live Tenebrae Service
April 14, 2017

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Friday, April 14, 2017

7:00 pm

Prelude "God So Loved the World" Stainer

*Call to Worship

Leader: Passion is the intense suffering of the body.

People: Passion is the intense love of the soul!

Leader: The persecutors of Christ thought that agony could destroy the spirit of compassion,

People: That death could overcome the power of selfless love:

Leader: Love that places the welfare of humanity before the letter of the law;

People: Love that rejects the company of the mighty to set an example for those who serve;

Leader: Love that is saddened by the violence of the powerful & begs forgiveness for the hard of heart.

People: Love that acknowledges the power of this world's rulers to take away life,

Leader: But remains obedient unto death, trusting that God will sustain life.

People: Christ's passion on Calvary was but the outcome of his passion for God and all people.

ALL: May our passion be equal to his; may we set our faces toward Calvary, to learn there not how to suffer, but how to love.

*Opening Hymn "O How He Loves You and Me" FWS #2108

Invocation: O Christ, who forsook no one but was forsaken by the closest of friends, and who committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal's death, we enter your presence in awe and adoration. On this day, centuries ago, you could have saved your life, but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had been born. You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as yourself; this was the love for which you had been created, and when that love required you to shoulder a cross, you summoned the strength to bear it. Teach us, O Christ, how we can help carry your cross and love your people as much as you do. Amen.

Scripture Philippians 2:5-11 Page 186 NT in pew Bible

*Hymn of Preparation "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" UMH #297

Candle #4:

At daybreak, the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us." "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God." Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ a king." So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

Candle #3:

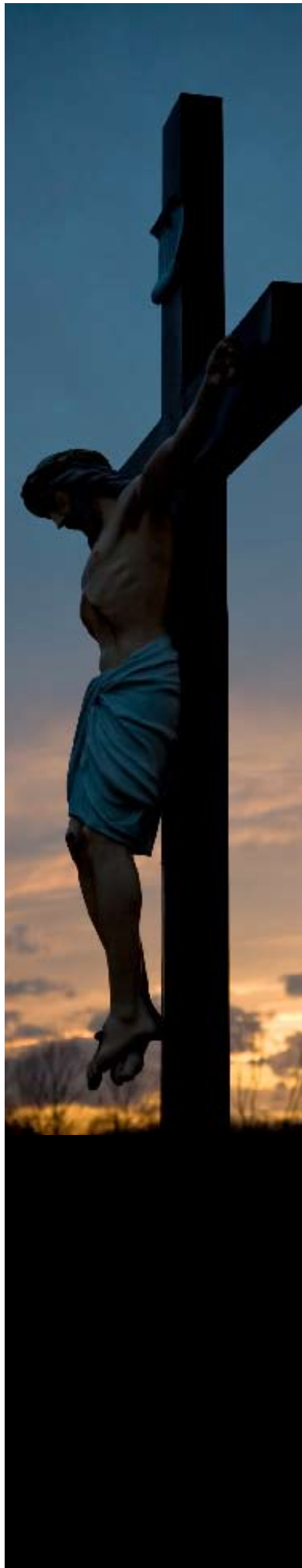
"Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion... he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him." With one voice they cried out, "Away with him! Release Barabbas to us!" Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Candle #2:

"Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And one of the criminals said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Candle # 1:

"It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened said, "Surely he was the Son of God!"



Candle #9:

"Now the feast of the Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard, and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.

Candle #8:

"When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." And he took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it, and gave it to them saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him."

Candle #7:

"Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."

Candle #6:

"While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"... "Am I leading a rebellion that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour – when darkness reigns."

Candle #5:

Then seizing Jesus, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. A servant girl saw him and said, "This man was with him." But he denied it. A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for his a Galilean." Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed... and he remembered that Jesus said "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

At this time the lights will be turned off and the darkness will only be overcome by the light of Christ which will enter as His birth story and life events are remembered.

When the cross of Christ becomes visible, the story of His passion will be read and the candles will be extinguished. After the last candle goes out, please make your way to the doors in darkness in remembrance of the darkness the world felt when Jesus died.

Please leave in silence, receiving a small token of this remembrance on your way out of the Sanctuary.

The Tenebrae Service

Candle #1:

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and the line of David. He went there with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

Candle #2:

"On the eighth day when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived....Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it...After three days they found him in the temple, sitting with the teachers...Jesus said, "Why were you searching for me: Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Candle #3:

"When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Candle #4:

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. When he was hungry – Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone." When devil led him up to a high place and would give him authority over all nations. Jesus said, "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." And when the devil led him to Jerusalem and urged him to throw himself off of the temple. Jesus said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Candle #5:

"Jesus went out to a mountainside and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, the who betrayed him."

Candle #6:

"Jesus went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there... Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when others hate you, when they exclude you and insult you...Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven."

Candle #7:

"Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out - the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man. I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Candle #8:

"One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, Saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith? He asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Candle #9:

"Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here." He replied, "You give them something to eat." They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish – unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each... Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples who set them before the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."

Candle #10:

"An argument stated among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all – he is the greatest."

Candle #11:

Crowds of many thousands would gather to be healed by Jesus and be witnesses of his many miracles. And when they gathered he spoke to them in parables explaining the kingdom of heaven in ways they could understand and sharing God's wisdom with them in ways they had never heard.

Candle #12:

"About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah appeared in glorious splendor talking to Jesus. They spoke about his departure which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. And he turned his face toward Jerusalem and never looked back.

The Extinguishing of the Candles

Candle #12:

Jesus took the twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him..." The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about."

Candle # 11:

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem...When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," He replied, "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it.

Candle #10:

Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling. "It is written," he said to them, "My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of robbers." Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him."