



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 30, 2018

12:00 Noon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I am the light of the world.

Anyone who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

If I say, "Let darkness cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to You, O God.

The night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to You are both alike.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into this world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

For God sent His son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Everyone that does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.

Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.

***HYMN**

“Were You There?”

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CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 52:13-53:12*

**READINGS AND EXTINGUISHING
OF LIGHTS**

*After each reading, the bell will toll, a candle will be
extinguished, and a prayer will be offered.*

THE FIRST WORD

Pauline Reynolds

*“Father, forgive them;
for they do not know what they are doing.”*

Prayer

Moment for Silent Reflection

THE SECOND WORD

Bob Nolen

“Today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

Prayer

Hymn

“Jesus, Remember Me”

#227

THE THIRD WORD

Bill Batty

*“Woman, Behold your son.
Son, behold your mother.”*

Prayer

Moment for Silent Reflection

THE FOURTH WORD

Mary Jane Coleman

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?”

Prayer

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

#218

THE FIFTH WORD

Connie Jurica

“I thirst.”

Prayer

Moment for Silent Reflection

THE SIXTH WORD

Rev. Katy Walters

“It is Finished.”

Prayer

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” #216

THE SEVENTH WORD

Rev. Scott Nowack

“Father into Your hands I commend my spirit.”

Prayer

SOLO *“Were You There?”*

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

THE *STREPITUS*

THE NINE TAILORS

THE LIGHT RETURNS

***HYMN** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* #223

BLESSING AND DEPART IN SILENCE

*Ushers will be standing at the exit doors to receive your
tithes and offerings as you leave.*

Worship Participants:

- Scott Nowack
- Katy Walters
- Daniel Wyman
- Betsy Hankins
- Bob Nolen
- Pauline Reynolds
- Mary Jane Coleman
- Bill Batty
- Connie Jurica

Tenebrae is the Latin term for shadows. Today's service combines the Tenebrae traditions with the readings of the Seven Last Words of Christ. One of the most conspicuous features of this service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker, we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real to Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of His death. The bells toll nine times ("nine tailors"), as was the custom in medieval times when a person died. The hidden candle is then restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. By this single light, we all depart in silence.