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Tenebrae Service Good Friday April 3, 2026

Please enter in silence.

The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering.

As the lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death. Through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

PRELUDE

*GREETING

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

People: That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

THE FIRST LIGHT--The Agony Mark 14:32-42

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (v. 1) # 290

The First Light is Extinguished.

THE SECOND LIGHT--The Arrest John 18:1-5

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (v.2) # 290

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HYMN **“Ah, Holy Jesus”**” (vs. 1 & 2) **# 289**

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THE FOURTH LIGHT--The Accusation **Mark 15:1-15**

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Via Dolorosa”** **Becky Platt**

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THE FIFTH LIGHT--The Crucifixion **Matthew 27:27-31, 35-44**

HYMN **“To Mock Your Reign O Dearest Lord “** **#285**

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THE SIXTH LIGHT--The Death **Matthew 27:45-56**

HYMN **“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”** (vs. 1 & 2) **# 286**

The Sixth Light is Extinguished

THE SEVENTH LIGHT--The Burial **Matthew 27:57-66**

HYMN **“Were You There?”** (vs.1 & 5) **# 288**

The Seventh Light is Extinguished

MESSAGE **“Good Friday”**

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Crown of Thorns”** **David Lyons**

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. Amen.

Please depart in silence as we await the joy of Easter morning.

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