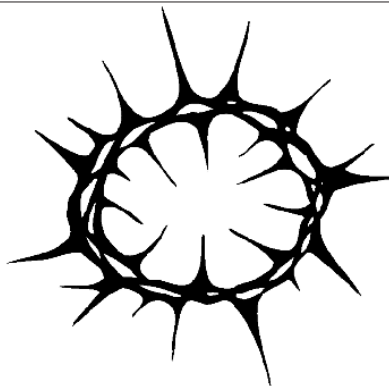

GOOD FRIDAY • MARCH 30, 2018 • 7:00 P.M.



SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

The Service of Tenebrae has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the church and is now celebrated by Christians around the world during Holy Week.

Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, with one candle lit for every reading. As candles are extinguished at the end of each reading and the shadows and darkness increase, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death, and we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the “strepitus” (Latin for “clashing”) – a loud noise symbolizing Christ’s death and rejection by God the Father. The final candle, the Christ candle, representing the life of Christ, is then extinguished. At the close of the service the bell will toll seven times to represent the fullness of Christ’s sacrifice for us.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of Christ’s passion. It is left unfinished, because the story isn’t complete until Easter Day. Please enter humbly, worship, and leave quietly meditating on the suffering of Christ for you and your salvation.

The Prelude

Two settings of “Ah, Holy Jesus”

arr. Mark C. Jones

† The Call to Worship

The Reverend Patrick W. Curles

Minister: Bless the Lord Who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

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

People: God is light, in Whom there is no darkness at all.

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

**People: 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.**

Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, Who redeems us from sin and
death.

**People: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.**

† The Hymn No. 252

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon Your family gathered here, for whom our
Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon
the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His
passion, through Him Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and
forever. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, Who taught us when praying to
say:

**Our Father Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

The Homily

Mr. Curles

The Anthem

How Shallow Former Shadows Seem

Text: Carl P. Daw

Chancel Choir

Music: Thomas Tallis

How shallow former shadows seem beside this great reverse
As darkness swallows up the Light of all the universe:
Creation shivers at the shock, the temple rends its veil,
A pallid stillness stifles time, and nature's motions fail.

This is no midday fantasy, no flight of fevered brain.
With vengeance awful, grim, and real, chaos is come again.
The hands that formed us from the soil are nailed upon the cross;
The Word that gave us life and breath expires in utter loss.

Yet deep within this darkness lives a Love so fierce and free
That arcs all voids and—risk supreme!—embraces agony.
Its perfect testament is etched in iron, blood, and wood;
With awe we glimpse its true import and dare to call it good.

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL “He that eateth My bread lifted up his heel against me.”

The Reading Matthew 26:20-25; 30-56; Psalm 41:7-10

Mr. Jason Button

The Response Hymn No. 248 “Ah, Holy Jesus” (stanzas 1-2)

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF REJECTION “They hated Me without Cause.”

The Reading John 15:18-27

Mr. Pat Williams

The Response Psalm 35:1-3 [in unison]

Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler and rise for my help! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers! Say to my soul, “I am your salvation!”

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF TRIAL “Away with Him! Away with Him! Crucify Him!”

The Reading John 18:33–19:16; Psalm 64:1-6

Mr. Brian Atkins

The Response Hymn No. 248 “Ah, Holy Jesus” [stanzas 3-4]

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF MOCKING “They gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall.”

The Reading Matthew 27:24-31

Mr. Button

The Response Hymn No. 254 “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

MARTYRDOM

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF THE CRUCIFIXION “They divided My outer garments among them.”

The Reading John 19:17-24

Mr. Williams

The Response Hymn No. 247 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF DARKNESS “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

The Reading Matthew 27:45-49

Mr. Atkins

The Response Psalm 69:13-21

But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love, answer me in your saving faithfulness. Deliver me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters. Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the pit close its mouth over me. Answer me, O Lord, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me. Hide not Your face from Your servant; for I am in distress; make haste to answer me. Draw near to my soul, redeem me; ransom me because of my enemies! You know my reproach, and my shame and my dishonor; my foes are all known to You. Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

SILENCE

THE SHADOW OF DEATH “Not a bone of Him shall be broken.”

The Reading John 19:28-37; Psalm 22:1-15

Mr. Curles

SILENCE

The Strepitus

The Christ Candle is Extinguished

The Response

Were You There?

Men’s Quartet

The Tolling of the Bell and the Departure in Silence
