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Good Friday  
March 29, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

### **A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

This service is an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae service dating from the 8th century. It commemorates the suffering and death of Christ and was originally celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week.

The literal translation of the Latin word *tenebrae* is “darkness.” Thus, we begin in a brilliantly lighted church. As the service continues, lights are dimmed until we conclude in darkness. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles is symbolic of the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. It also portrays the fading light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

We conclude in darkness and silence in recollection of the crucifixion. Following the silence, a bell is rung 33 times, one for each year of Jesus’ life.

Enter humbly, worship deeply, stand by the cross to watch your Savior...

## **Gathering Music**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

The Embellishments  
Stuart Townend, arr. Patricia Cota

## **Call to Worship**

Rev. Jason Freyer

## **Opening Prayer**

## **\*The Hymn of Preparation**

Were You There?

Hymn No. 102

## **JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE**

### **Reading One**

Matthew 26:36-46

Bible, pages 808 - 809 (NRSV)

### **Hymn**

What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn No. 85

## **JESUS IS ARRESTED**

### **Reading Two**

Matthew 26:47-56

Bible, page 809 (NRSV)

### **Anthem**

Laudate Dominum  
(from Vesperae solennes de confessore, K. 339)  
Elizabeth Rishel, soprano

The Sanctuary Choir  
W. A. Mozart

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **PETER DISOWNS JESUS**

### **Reading Three**

Matthew 26:57-75

Bible, page 809 (NRSV)

**\*Hymn**

Ah, Holy Jesus

Hymn No. 93

**JESUS BEFORE PILATE**

**Reading Four**

Matthew 27:11-26

**Anthem**

Ave verum corpus, K. 618

The Sanctuary Choir

W. A. Mozart

**JESUS IS CRUCIFIED**

**Reading Five**

Matthew 27:27-44

Bible, pages 810 - 811 (NRSV)

**Hymn**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hymn No. 98

**JESUS DIES**

**Reading Six**

Matthew 27:45-56

Bible, page 811 (NRSV)

**Meditation**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Embellishments  
O WALY WALY, arr. Bill Ingram

**JESUS IS BURIED**

**Reading Seven**

Matthew 27:57-66

Bible, page 811 (NRSV)

**A Time for Meditation**

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (O Lamb of God, innocent)

Bill Larson

J. S. Bach

**TOLLING OF THE BELL**

*Please leave in silence at the conclusion of this service of worship;  
Reflect deeply on the sacrifice of Christ,  
And return for the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday.*

**SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone who contributed to this evening's worship

The Sanctuary Choir

Evelyn Houser  
Debby Carberry  
Elizabeth Rishel  
Ruth McGregor  
Jeanne Siciliano  
Linda Miller  
Rebecca Symms  
Gaylord Gillis  
Gary Toth  
David Green  
Peter Bishop  
Jim Miller  
Bill Sutherland

The Embellishments

Debby Carberry  
Beverly Freyer  
Sharon Lutz  
Ardith Smith  
Jean Hykes  
Gary Toth

Pastor

Rev. Jason Freyer

Readers

Debbie Wilson  
Chris Longwill  
Peggar Dixon  
Andy McGhee  
Ramona Bosse  
Eric Waterhouse  
Diane Falk

We also thank the  
Worship and Arts  
Committee and the Usher  
Ministry Team.



# Easter Sunday, March 31

Rev. Jason Freyer  
"Indeed"

Mark 16:1-8; Isaiah 25:6-9

## 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

(East Parking Lot - Weather Permitting)

## 9:00 a.m. - Celebration of the Resurrection

(Traditional Service)

10:15 a.m. Hospitality and Fellowship in the Fellowship  
Hall

## 11:15 a.m. - Celebration of the Resurrection

(Emergent Service)

On Easter there are no 10:15 a.m. Discovery classes.

**The church office is closed on Monday, April 1.  
Preschool and Childcare are open.**