



Good Friday
March 29th, 7 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae

A Service of Shadows

March 29, 2024

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae, which is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death, and 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.

Preparation for Worship

Holy and loving God, as we prepare to set aside our busyness and to focus intently on Jesus’ suffering and death, we ask for eyes to see all of the amazing things that Jesus’ death means for understanding you, your love, and our salvation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Linda Clugston, *organ*

“Reflections on the Cross”

Call to Worship

Neil Trainer

Today the carpenter’s hands are nailed to a cross,
the King of kings is crowned with thorns and
wears the purple robe of mockery.

Today he sets us free, himself imprisoned on a tree.
Today is God’s Friday. We come in worship.

Welcome

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This #85, vv. 1–2

The Shadow of Betrayal

Scripture Reading

Rob Christ

Matthew 26:20–25

Prayer of Confession

Emily Mitchell

Lord Jesus, like Judas, we have betrayed you;
like Peter, we have denied you;
and like the other disciples,
we have forsaken you.

Yet you remain faithful to us unto death,
even death on a cross.

Prayer of Confession *continued*

We plead for your forgiveness and mercy.
And we ask that you strengthen us
so that we do not turn aside
but follow you to the very end —
for the final victory belongs to you.
(*silence for personal prayer*)

Assurance of Grace

The Shadow of Agony

Scripture Reading Hallack Greider
Matthew 26:35–50

Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* #97, vv. 1–2

The Shadow of Denial

Scripture Reading Janine Moriarty
Matthew 26:69–75

Response Rick Jackson
Excerpt from “Lagrima di San Pietro (Tears of
Saint Peter)” by Luigi Tansillo (1510–1568)

The Shadow of Accusation

Scripture Reading Rob Christ
Matthew 27:11–14, 20–29

Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* #98, vv. 1–3

The Shadow of the Cross

Scripture Reading Neil Trainer
Matthew 27:31–43

Response Pounding of the Nails

The Shadow of Death

Scripture Reading Hallack Greider
Matthew 27:45–54

Response Linda Clugston, *organ*
“Victimae Paschali Laudes”

The Shadow of Burial

Scripture Reading Janine Moriarty
Matthew 26:57–60

Response Irv Kellenberger, *saxophone*

Hymn of Sending

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #98, vv. 1–3

Benediction Emily Mitchell

One: May Jesus Christ, who for our sakes became
obedient unto death, even death on a cross,
keep you and strengthen you.

All: **Amen.**

Postlude Linda Clugston, *organ*

Participating Today in Worship

Rev. Neil Trainer	Calvin Presbyterian Church
Rev. Emily Mitchell	Calvin Presbyterian Church
Linda Clugston	Calvin Presbyterian Church
Rick Jackson	Calvin Presbyterian Church
Rev. Rob Christ	Edmonds Presbyterian Church
Rev. Hallack Greider	Maplewood Presbyterian Church
Rev. Janine Moriarty	Terrace View Presbyterian Church
Irv Kellenberger	Terrace View Presbyterian Church