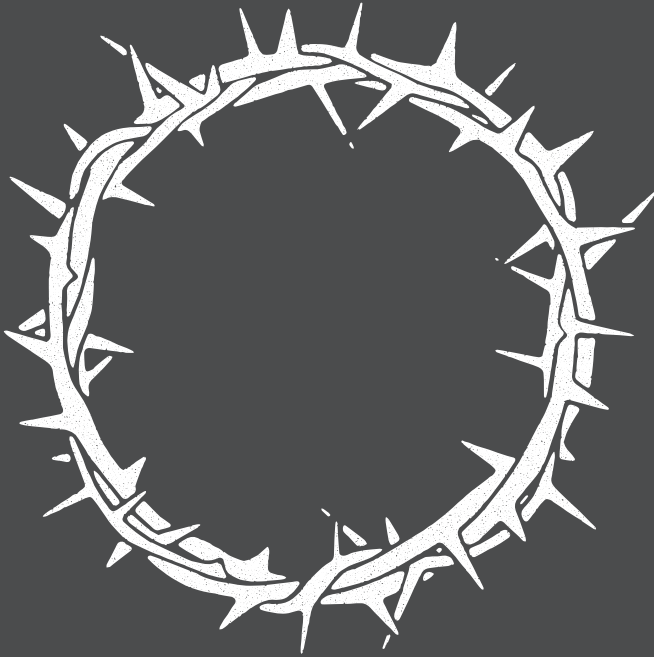


# Good Friday



A Tenebrae Service on the Last Words of Christ  
April 7, 2023

Tenebrae is Latin for darkness. The term was eventually adopted for Holy Week worship characterized by progressive extinguishing of light to depict the encroaching darkness of Calvary.

# GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 PM | SANCTUARY AND ONLINE

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*Welcome! Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of the balcony and the lectern-side transept (at the front on your right), where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to guide you to your preferred seating area.*

## WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE                      The Body of Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb, Op. 29, No. 14    Todd Fickley, organ

CHORAL INTROIT                      O Ye People    Pablo Casals

O ye people that are passing by me and see me,  
Behold and see and consider if there can be any sorrow as mine,  
Any sorrow like unto my sorrow. O ye people, is it nothing to you?

CHIMES

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP    Rev. Allan Poole

▲ HYMN 84 *verses 1 & 4*                      In the Cross of Christ I Glory    *Ratisbon*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION *in unison*

Lord Jesus, on this holy day of your passion, you stretched out your arms upon the hard wood of the cross, that we might be brought within your saving embrace. Draw us to you with bands of love, that we may be found in you. Bind us to you as faithful servants, that we may learn to take up our cross daily and follow you, unto the joy of eternity.

THE PASSION STORY ACCORDING TO MATTHEW    NPC Pastors  
Matthew 26:36-27:31

HYMN 92                                      Beneath the Cross of Jesus    *St. Christopher*

I. *Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*

PRAYER *in unison*    Dr. Michael Denham

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and ready to give more than we deserve or desire. Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, which we humbly seek through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

SCRIPTURE                                      Luke 23:26-34

CHORAL MEDITATION                      Father, Forgive Them    Pepper Choplin  
Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.

## II. *Today you shall be with me in Paradise.*

PRAYER *in unison*

Rev. Donna Marsh

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart that, seeing the One who died for us, we may repent, confess our sins, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:35-43

HYMN *choir, then all*

Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

## III. *Woman, behold your son.*

PRAYER *in unison*

Rev. Lisa Larsen

Almighty God, look with mercy on your whole family, for whom our Lord Jesus was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; but who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

SCRIPTURE

John 19:25-27

HYMN 102 *verses 1 & 2*

Were You There?

*Were You There*

## IV. *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

PRAYER *in unison*

Dr. Denham

Forbid, O God, that we should forget the pains and mortal anguish that our Lord Jesus endured for our salvation. Grant us a true vision of all that he suffered: in his betrayal, his lonely agony, his false trial, his mocking and scourging, and his torturous death. As he gave utterly for us, help us give ourselves entirely to you.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:33-35

HYMN 93 *verses 1 & 2*

Ah, Holy Jesus

*Herzliebster Jesu*

## V. *I thirst.*

PRAYER *in unison*

Rev. Marsh

Almighty God, your most dear Son went not up to joy before he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified. Mercifully grant, as we walk the way of the cross, that we may find in it alone the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SCRIPTURE

John 19:28-29

SOLO

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Moses Hogan

*Spiritual*

Wasn't it a pity and a shame? And he never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word.  
They pierced him in the side, and he never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word.  
His blood came trickling down, and he never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word.

Ethan Greene, bass-baritone and Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

## VI. *It is finished.*

PRAYER *in unison*

Rev. Larsen

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty, quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service.

SCRIPTURE

John 19:30

HYMN 101 *verses 1, 3 & 4* When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Hamburg*

## VII. *Into your hands I commit my spirit.*

PRAYER *in unison*

Dr. Quinn Fox

God of all, you have given your only begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:44-49

HOMILY

HYMN 98 *verse 2*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Passion Chorale*

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 53:4-6, 9

Rev. Poole

*Congregation in unison*

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray. We have all turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all... They made his grave with the wicked, and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

### MEDITATION IN DESCENDING DARKNESS

ORGAN MEDITATION

Adagio

Samuel Barber  
Mr. Fickley, organ

BENEDICTION AND BELL TOLL

*Exit quietly upon completion of the tolling.*

Join us for Easter Worship!

8:30 am ♦ 10:00 am ♦ 11:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt for kids preschool-5th immediately following 10:00 am service.