

Celebration of Worship
Good Friday
Tenebrae Service

April 18, 2025

7:00 P.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *Spill the Beans – Issue 26*

All: Holy God, on this night we gather to wonder once more at your love for us. We do not understand why Jesus had to die, why he had to endure the pain and suffering of the cross. Tonight we gather here to meditate and contemplate the death of Jesus. Tonight we come to wonder at the sacrifice of our beloved Lord. Tonight we come in silence, awe and amazement, unsure of what to say or do, knowing that we need to be here. Draw near to us tonight and reveal to us ever more clearly your love for us, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* # 185

Reader 1 **Peter’s Denial Foretold** Heather Hewlett
Extinguish first candle. Silence.

Reader 2 **Jesus Prays in Gethsemane** Kathy Barbehenn
Extinguish second candle. Silence.

Special Music *Partita in A Minor* J.S. Bach
Sarabande
Sally Turner

Reader 3 **The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus** Beth Carson
Extinguish third candle. Silence.

Reader 4 **Jesus Before the Council** Elissa Burke
Extinguish fourth candle. Silence

Reader 5 **Peter Denies Jesus** Heather Burke
Extinguish fifth candle. Silence.

Reader 6 **Jesus Before Pilot** Addison Hewlett
Extinguish sixth candle. Silence.

Reader 7 **Pilot Hands Jesus over to be Crucified** Connie Rice
Extinguish seventh candle. Silence.

Reader 8 **The Soldiers Mock Jesus** John Kubinieć
Extinguish eighth candle. Silence.

Reader 9 **The Crucifixion of Jesus** Steve Frost
Poem
Extinguish ninth candle. Silence.

Reader 10 Doreen Clark
Extinguish tenth candle. Silence.

Hymn **Were You There?** # 181 – Verses 1-3

Reader 11 **The Death of Jesus** Colby Carson
Extinguish eleventh candle. Silence.

Reader 12 **Poem** Scott Hewlett
Extinguish twelfth candle. Silence.

Hymn **Go to Dark Gethsemane** Back cover

Reader 13 Susan Frost
Extinguish the Christ candle. Long dark silence.

Poem **Chaos**
Church is stripped
All depart in silence

Go to Dark Gethesemane

Go to dark Gethesemane, all who feel the tempter's power.

Your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with Him one bitter hour.

Turn not from His griefs away. Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned.

O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!

Shun not suffering, shame or loss. Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb. There, adoring at his feet.

Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.

"It is finished!" hear Him cry. Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

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