

Good Friday

*“He was wounded for our transgressions..... ...with
His stripes, we are healed.”*

April 18, 2025
6:30 p.m.

The Three Days, One Experience of Worship

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Great Vigil of Easter comprise the Triduum—an ancient, unified act of worship stretching over three days. Tonight, our worship during this time continues, after which we look ahead to the observance of the Vigil tomorrow evening.



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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed



Virtual Worship Bulletins

Solemn Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae. From a Latin word meaning shadows or darkness, is an ancient service designed to impress upon the minds and hearts of believers the tragic consequences of humankind's sin and the greatness of the Savior's sacrifice on the cross.

The service begins with the tolling of a bell, symbolizing the solemnity of death. During the Tenebrae Devotion, we hear the Passion According to St. John, the traditional reading of Good Friday. Candles are extinguished, depicting the denial and gradual flight of the disciples and friends from Jesus. The encroaching darkness reminds us of our own desertion of Christ and the consequences of such separation. At the completion of the reading, we remove the central candle and hear the loud streptius reminding us of the death of Jesus.

Note for Worship

At the close of worship tonight, we will sit in darkness. Lights will then come up slightly. We depart quietly by walking up the center aisle, passing the cross and exiting to the left through the front side door.

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Solemn Service of Tenebrae

BELL TOLLS FOR SILENT PROCESSION

Please stand

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Blessed be our God,

People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

HYMN H-168

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

(stanzas 1,4)

**O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine for ever! and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for thee.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Mary Ratliff

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Behold, the Savior of Mankind

Dana Mengel
Choir

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
pray. Watch and pray.

TENEBRAE DEVOTION

Interspersed among the readings will be a sung Litany, first introduced on the oboe, then sung by the Cantor with the Choir and Congregation responding with a chant from Taizé.

(A word concerning the music of Taizé – hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France, is an ecumenical community of brothers for whom prayer is at the heart of their lives. Founded in 1940, this community, made up of Protestants and Roman Catholics from some 20 different countries, has hosted thousands of people who visit annually, entering into the prayer and spirit of the community.)

The Latin refrains, because of the natural “color” of the language, bear up under constant repetition better than any vernacular:

“Memento nostri Domine” (Remember us, O Lord)

--Brother Jacques Berthier

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 18:1-11

First candle is extinguished

Mary Ratliff

Cantor/ Congregation:

Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne.

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright. Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

John 18:12-27

Second candle is extinguished

Gail Griffin

Cantor/Congregation



Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne.

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

John 18:28-40

third candle is extinguished

Gail Griffin

Cantor/Congregation:



Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne.

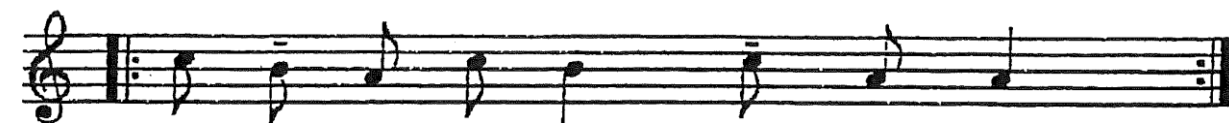
Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also to share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

John 19:1-7

fourth candle is extinguished

Caroline Maisel

Cantor/Congregation:



Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne.

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept even with joy the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

John 19:8-16a*fifth candle is extinguished*

Alan Mackay

Cantor/congregation:

Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; whose consolation and hope are in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

John 19:16b-22*sixth candle is extinguished*

Tony Bowman

Cantor/Congregation:

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son, you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

John 19:23-25a*seventh candle is extinguished*

Laura McGary

Cantor/Congregation:

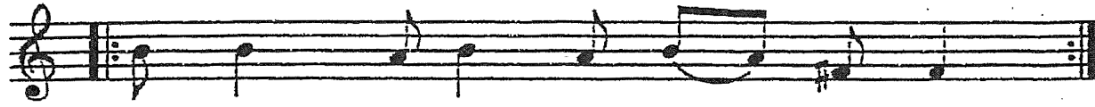
Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

John 19:25b-30

The "Christ" candle is extinguished

John 19:31-40

Cantor/ Congregation:



Me - men - to no - stri Do - mi - ne.



Me-men-to no-stri Do - mi - ne. Me-men-to no - stri Do - mi - ne.

STREPITUS

O God; your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

Worshippers may remain in prayer for as long as desired.

We leave in silence, walking up the center aisle, passing the cross and exiting to the left through the front side door.

Join us tomorrow evening at 6:30pm for our Easter Vigil service, followed by a celebratory reception.

We will begin the Vigil service on the patio.

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Oboe	Kathryn Jurado
Cantor	Jen Renfroe
Acolyte	Alice Scotti
Readers	Gail Griffin, Mary Ratliff, Caroline Maisel, Laura McGary, Tony Bowman, Alan Mackay
Usher	Ed Steponaitis