

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Zion Lutheran Church Good Friday, April 7 ~ 7:00 P.M.

The word <u>Tenebrae</u> means "darkness" or "shadow" in Latin. The service dates from the 8th century. It started as a time of commemoration of the suffering and death of Jesus. Candles are extinguished during the service as a sign of the passage from light to darkness. From the early Middle Ages there also sprung a tradition of meditating on a full passion narrative from one of the four Gospels.

This service presents the passion account in the Gospel of Mark. At the conclusion of the service one candle remains lighted as a sign both of the light which lingered in the minds of Jesus' followers and as an image of the far greater light which breaks forth on Easter morning.

Acolyte

PRELUDE

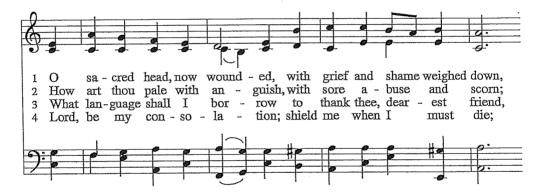
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

arr. J.S. Bach

HYMN

Stand

O Sacred Head Now Wounded





Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, c. 1250; tr. composite Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500, adapt. Hans L. Hassler, 1564–1612

RESPONSIVE READING: Hosea 6: 1-4

- P Come, let us return to the Lord; for he has torn us and will heal us, and he will bind up our wounds.
- C After two days he will revive us, on the third day he will restore us, that in his presence we may live.
- P Let us humble ourselves; let us strive to know; let us strive to know the Lord, whose justice dawns like morning light, and its dawning is as sure as the sunrise.
- C It will come to us like a shower, like spring rains that water the earth.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In Unison

O gracious and loving God, by your Spirit create within us now the stillness that we need. May we look steadily upon the pictures that you set before us in your word. When we see the shadows that gathered around your Son, may we have the courage to look within ourselves and see where we have helped to cast those shadows. When we catch images of the warmth and brightness of your love, may we know that, in spite of our weakness, this love shines for us all. These things we ask so that this time of reflection may truly be a time of growing closer, deeper in our bonds to you. In the name of your Son, Our Savior, we pray. Amen.



Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

TEMPTATION

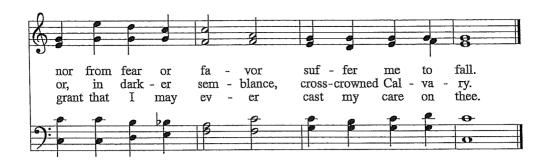
THE SCRIPTURE

Mark 14: 26-42

THE MEDITATION

PRAYER





Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854 Music: PENITENCE, Spencer Lane, 1843–1903

ONE RAN AWAY

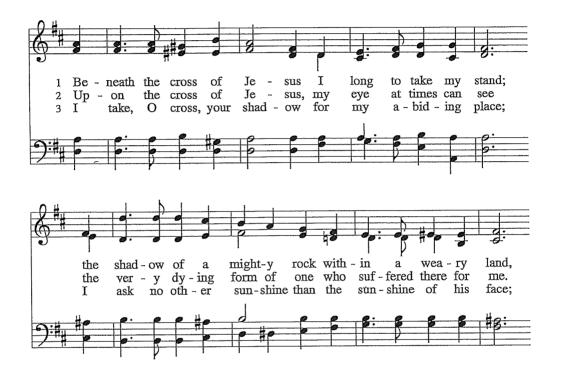
THE SCRIPTURE Mark 14:43-52

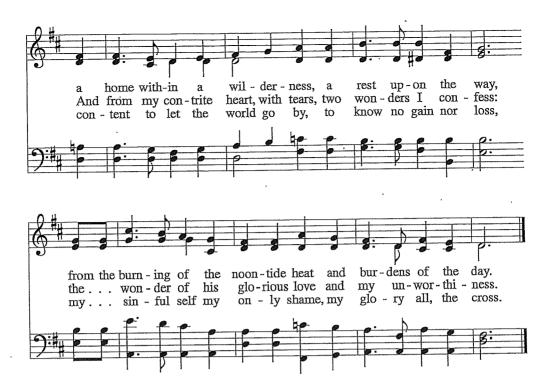
THE MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus





Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

FALSE WITNESS

Mark 14:53-65

THE SCRIPTURE

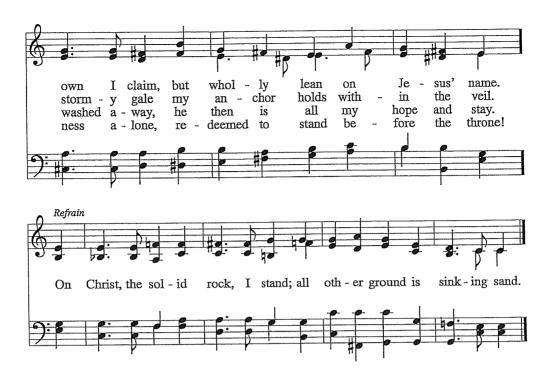
THE MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less





Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

THE SCRIPTURE

Mark 14: 66-72

THE MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DARKNESS OVER THE LAND

THE SCRIPTURE:

Mark 15: 33-38

THE MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

"Were You There"

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

A CROWD STIRRED

THE SCRIPTURE

Mark 15: 1-15

THE MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

"Were You There"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

STRUCK...MOCKED...CRUCIFIED...

THE SCRIPTURE

Mark 15: 16-32

THE MEDITATION

PRAYER

HYMN

"Were You There"

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

LINGERING LIGHT

THE SCRIPTURE:

Mark 15: 39-47

THE STREPITUS: Signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake

THE MEDITATION

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

Watch the Lamb

Music by Ray Boltz

Bill Jones, solo

Please depart in silence.

An offering will not be received during the service. However, plates will be in the narthex for those wishing to make an offering.