



GOOD FRIDAY
A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
March 29, 2024

Welcome to our Good Friday service of Tenebrae (which means “shadows” or “darkness”). Tonight we will sit together in the gathering darkness and ponder the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus. After we have listened to the Passion story, we will reflect in silence for a few moments. Then one person will sing the first line of “Were You There?” and the rest of us will join in for one verse of that hymn. We will sit in the silence for another moment, and then be dismissed with a benediction. Following the dismissal, you are welcome to sit in the silent darkness for as long as you wish. We ask that as you leave, you do so quietly.

Gathering in Silence

INVOCATION

THE PSALM

from Psalm 22

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

Leader: All who see me mock at me, they make mouths at me,
they wag their heads.

People: “He committed his cause to the Lord; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him for he delights in him.”

Leader: Be not far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help.

People: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

Leader: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue clings to
my jaws.

People: You lay me in the dust of death.

Leader: They have pierced my hands and feet.

People: They divide my garments among them, for my raiment they cast lots.

Leader: But you, O Lord, be not far off!

People: O God, my help, hasten to my aid!

THE GATHERING DARKNESS

Jeremy Bon and LJ Brazier, readers

THE BETRAYAL

Mark 14:17-25

Reflection

THE AGONY

Mark 14:32-42

Reflection

THE ARREST

Luke 22:47-53

Reflection

THE DENIAL

John 18:15-27

Reflection

THE TRIAL

John 18:33-19:1-6a

Reflection

THE CRUCIFIXION

Matthew 27:33-44

Musical Reflection

The Crucifixion

- Samuel Barber
Bonnie Kidd, *soprano*
Shin-Ae Chun, *piano*

At the cry of the first bird
They began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that.
It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah, sore was the suffering borne

By the body of Mary's Son,
But sorer still to Him was the grief
Which for His sake
Came upon His Mother.

THE BURIAL

John 19:38-42

Reflection

SILENCE

HYMN

Were You There?

Charlie Duke, *bass*

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?

DISMISSAL

All depart in quietness

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