Good Friday Service of Tenebrae 3.29.2024



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A Service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness," is based on a twelfth-century late night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Jesus Christ. Several candles are lit at the beginning of the service. As passages of scripture from the Gospel of Mark are read and interpreted by music, the candles will be extinguished one by one until we are left in darkness, symbolizing the death of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

GATHERING

*GREETING

Leader: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Leader: And this is the judgment, that the light has come

into the world,

People: and we loved darkness rather than light.

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*HYMN

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul!
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

USA Folk Hymn (public domain).

*OPENING PRAYER

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

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

from the Gospel of Mark

Musical selections

"Tenebrae Factae Sunt"

Haydn

Music: Michael Haydn (Public domain)

Tenebrae factae sunt, Darkness fell

dum crucifixissent Jesum Judaei: when Jesus was crucified, et circa horam nonam and about the ninth hour

Jesus cried in a loud voice: exclamavit Jesus voce magna: Mv God, mv God,

Deus meus, ut quid me dereliquisti?

why hast thou forsaken me? Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum. And he bowed up his head

and gave up his spirit.

Jesus cried with a loud voice and said, Exclamans Jesus voce magna ait:

Pater, in manus tuas Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. commendo spiritum meum. Et inclinato capite, emisit spiritum. And he bowed his head

and gave up his spirit.

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

arr. Hook

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"In Dark Gethsemane"

Manor

Songwriter: Trevor Manor. ©2015 Choristers Guild. OneLicense.net #A-734439.

"Out of the Depths"

arr. Young

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"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Martin

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"Indodana"

Manor

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Ngob'umthatile umtwana wakoh unhlale nathi hololo helele Indodana ka nkulunkulu bayi'bethelela hololo helele

The Lord has taken his son who lived amonast us The son of the Lord God was crucified.

"Were You There" Celebration Singers

arr. Soper

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"On the Willows"

Mickey Cates

Schwartz

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*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go in peace.
May Jesus Christ,
who for our sake became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross,
keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.
Amen.

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

Join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.