



# Tenebrae

Grieving Over Darkness.  
Reflecting on Redemption.

A Service of Worship for Good Friday  
April 2, 2021 ♦ 7:00 pm

## THE GATHERING and PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphony No. 2 (*Jesus, in Thy Thirst and Pain*) ~Charles-Marie Widor

## †CALL to WORSHIP

From the busyness of our lives, we have come here on a day that is different.

**In the midst of the world which holds the promise of spring and new life,  
we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.**

Come and hear the tale, come and share the tragedy,  
**come and embrace the darkness.**

## †HYMN of PRAISE

*Lift High the Cross*

UMH 159

***Refrain:*** *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore His sacred name.*

- 1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine. (repeat Refrain)***
- 2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of Him who died. (repeat Refrain)***
- 3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee. (repeat Refrain)***
- 4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (repeat Refrain)***

## †OPENING PRAYER (*unison*)

**God of light, God of shadows, in our time together tonight,  
keep us aware of Your presence in the darkness,  
help us to see meaning in this terrible story,  
and keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts.**

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†**OPENING PRAYER** *(continued in unison)*

**This we pray, in the name of the Man from Nazareth,  
the One who lived with a great passion for Your Way,  
the One whose life revealed Your Truth,  
and the One whose death brought us life.**

**Hear us now, as we confess our sins to You in silent prayer...**

†**SILENT PRAYERS**

†**WORD of AFFIRMATION**

†**GLORIA PATRI** *(means "Glory be to the Father")*

**UMH 70**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:***

***world without end! Amen! Amen!***

**A READING from the PSALMS**

**Psalm 22:1-31** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**A READING from THE GOSPELS**

**Matthew 7:15-23** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

**"True or False?"**

**Rev. Kevin R. Haley**

**A SERVICE of TENEBRAE**

**First Reading: the Betrayal and Arrest**

**John 18:1-12**

**Hymn No. 298**

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.***
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.***
- 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow & love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?***
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.***

**Second Reading: the Trial and Mocking**

**John 18:13-24**

**Hymn No. 297**

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

- 1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.***

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2. *Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*
3. *I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

**Third Reading: Peter's Denial and Pilate's Court**  
**Special Music**                    *What Wondrous Love is This?*

**John 18:25-40**  
**Karen Pershing**

**Fourth Reading: Condemnation and Torture**  
**Hymn No. 286**

**John 19:1-16a**  
*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

1. *O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown:  
how pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn?*
2. *What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.*
3. *What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,  
for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.*

**Fifth Reading: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross**  
**Hymn No. 288 (vs.1-3)**

**John 19:16b-25a**  
*Were You There*

1. *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?*
2. *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?*

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3. *Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?*

**Sixth Reading: the Death of Jesus**  
**Hymn No. 288 (vs.4-5)**

**John 19:25b-30**  
***Were You There***

4. *Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*
5. *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?*

**Seventh Reading: Piercing and Burial**  
**Special Music**                      *Ah, Holy Jesus*

**John 19:31-42**  
**Jim Caffrey**

**Reflection on the Sacrifice of Christ**

**John 3:16-21**

Pastor: It is finished...  
~All leave in reverent silence...

*The congregation is invited to solemnly reflect on the love of God  
shown in Jesus Christ, who—as God in the flesh—  
humbled Himself to the point of death for our sake.*

*The story of God’s love continues as we gather  
for Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. on the Church Lawn on S. Maple  
and then for Easter Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.*

*As always, the 10:45 Worship will also be available via live stream that can be  
accessed on Facebook or through a link on our website greensburgfirst.org.*

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