## Tenebrae Service

The service of Tenebrae (which means "darkness" or "shadows") is not a new development in church liturgy. It has been observed in the church since medieval times.

The service usually consists in the reading of a number of Scripture passages. In our case this evening, there will be seven readings followed by the extinguishing of a candle after each reading and the singing of a hymn.

A Tenebrae Service always has a somber tone, reflected in the darkness, in the accounts of Christ's suffering, in the music, and in the silence of the people as they leave the Sanctuary. But, underlying the somber feeling is the anticipation of the Resurrection which is mirrored in the "Christ candle".

There are a total of eight candles used in the service. After each reading a candle is extinguished, until only one candle remains, and it is called the "Christ candle". The "Christ candle" always remains lit, but it is hidden for a time near the end of the service to symbolize Christ's being taken away to the grave. The candle is then brought back into view to remind us of the hope of the Resurrection.

"The Power of the Cross"

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood.

**chorus:** This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin. Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

chorus

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life.
'Finished!' the victory cry.

chorus

Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live won through Your selfless love!

**final chorus:** This the power of the cross Son of God - slain for us. What a love, what a cost we stand forgiven at the cross.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / CCLI 209271



## covenant.presbyterian.church

Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

April 15, 2022 7:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service			THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION	ON Luke 22:66-23:12	Carl Monroe, Ruling Elder
"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.'" Galatians 3:13			*HYMN	"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"	NO. 247
PRELUDE			THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXI	ON Luke 23:18-43	Jeff Nissen, Ruling Elder
CALL TO WORSHIP	John 3:19, Philippians 2:8	Pastor Tim Reed	THE STANDOW OF CRECKINA	ON Luke 23.10-43	Jejj Missert, Ruting Liver
LEADER: <b>PEOPLE:</b> LEADER:	PEOPLE: And also with you.  LEADER: The Light has come into the world  PEOPLE: But the world loved darkness rather than light.  LEADER: Come, Let us worship the Lord,		HYMN	"Were You There?" (stanzas 1-4)	NO. 260
			THE SHADOW OF DEATH	Luke 23:44-49	Bill Scholl, Ruling Elder
INVOCATION	who was obedient even unto dea	th on a cross.	*HYMN	"O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile"	NO. 262
EXPLANATION OF THE TENEBRAE WORSHIP SERVICE Pastor Tim Reed		THE SHADOW OF BURIAL	Luke 23:50-56	Pastor Tim Reed	
"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD" by Craig Courtney		Choir	*HYMN	"The Power of the Cross"	(printed on back)
(One can	<b>THE SHADOWS</b> ndle is extinguished at the end of each re	ading.)	THE CHRIST CANDLE TAKEN AWAY		
THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF THE SPIRIT Luke 22:39-46		Pastor Derek Coyle	SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER		
*HYMN	"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"	NO. 252	THE CHRIST CANDLE RESTORED		
THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL	Luke 22:47-53	Brandon Walser, Ruling Elder	*BENEDICTION	John 8:12	
*HYMN	"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood	" NO. 253	Leader: When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  People: Amen.		
THE SHADOW OF DESERTION	Luke 22:54-65	Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder	The Christ candle exits down the aisle "into the world".		

NO. 246

HYMN

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

The people exit in silence.