

**GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE**



**April 2, 2021
7:00 pm**

This service of Tenebrae or “Darkness” is based on a twelfth-century service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. The twelve candles represent the twelve disciples – and each one of us as we enter the story.

The central candle is the Christ candle.

*(Participants will once again need a vial or a small bowl filled with oil.
Tonight is the third of three anointings.)*

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Jim Wishmyer

Lighting of the Tenebrae Candles

Entering the Sacred

[Isaiah 53:3-6](#)

Jill Ryan

**Vessels, holy and whole / Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul / Healer, come.**

Hymn

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (*verses 1 & 2*)

UMH 286

**Verse 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, that once was bright as morn!**

**Verse 2: What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here if fall, my Savior! ‘Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.**

1st Reading

Jesus Brought Before Pilate
(1st, 2nd candles extinguished)

[Matthew 27:1-14](#)

Joe DeFranco

Lament for a Broken World

2nd Reading

Jesus is Sentenced
(3rd and 4th candles extinguished)

[Matthew 27:15-26](#)

Sarah Klein

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus” (*verse 3*)

UMH 289

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered,
The slave hath sin-ned, and the Son hath suffered.
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.**

3rd Reading

The Soldiers Mock and Beat Jesus
(5th and 6th candles extinguished)

[Matthew 27:27-31](#)

Jack King

Interlude

4th Reading

Jesus is Crucified
(7th and 8th candles extinguished)

[Matthew 27:32-44](#)

Doug Garling

Hymn "Were You There?" UMH 288
**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?**

5th Reading The Death of Jesus [Matthew 27:45-54](#)
(9th and 10th candles extinguished) Kim Feist

Hymn "We Sang Our Glad Hosannas" (*verse 4*) FWS 2111
**We saw a suffering Jesus alone, without a friend,
And heard the voices shouting abuse until the end.
We wept as we stood watching Love's light grow dim and die,
And cried, "Why did this happen? God tell us, tell us why!"**

6th Reading The Burial of Jesus [Matthew 27:55-61](#)
(11th, & 12th candles extinguished) Al Ruggles

Hymn "Were You There" (*verse 5*) UMH 288
**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?**

Third Anointing "Burying the Past" Rev. Jim Wishmyer
**Vessels, holy and whole / Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul / Healer, come.**

7th Reading The Tomb is Sealed [Matthew 27:62-66](#)
(Christ candle extinguished) Heather Klein

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (*verses 1, 4*) UMH 298
Verse 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.**
Verse 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.**

Blessing Rev. Jim Wishmyer
Once again, go or pause in silence, but not in despair.
May the words of Jesus ring in your ears: "I am with you always."
May the Holy Spirit hover, move, and deliver salve to your soul,
knowing we will meet again on the Day of Resurrection. **Amen.**

Please pause for a moment of silence... Consider reading and praying one or more of the prayers and remembrances: www.covidprayers.org