

Tenebrae Service 2016

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?!”

Psalm 22:1

Fáilte! Welcome! We are delighted you could join us this evening for our Tenebrae Service. ‘Tenebrae’ comes from the Latin word for ‘shadows’ and the service by this name is one of the oldest Christian traditions for the commemoration of the Passion of Jesus. The service begins in light but as the story unfolds, candles are extinguished following each of our readings. After our final reading, the burial of Christ, the last candle is blown out and we are plunged into darkness. Deliberately, the service concludes with no benediction and no music. At its end, we are invited to remain for a few moments in quiet prayer and reflection, and then to leave in silence. This subdued and incomplete ending echos the despair of that first Good Friday and reminds us that our salvation is yet incomplete until the miracle of Resurrection.

We are so glad you have joined us for this simple yet moving way to remember our Lord’s suffering and hope that our service will enable you to more fully enter into the wonder of the Easter story.

The service proceeds and ends unannounced. As it finishes in darkness, we do urge you to take great care as you are leaving the building.

**“Darkness
came over
all the land.”**

Matthew 27:45



Please remember to switch off your mobile phones or put them into silent mode before we begin

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Order of Service

Welcome & Introduction

Call to Worship

Leader: *Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and forever will be.*

ALL Amen.

Come, let us bow down and worship. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

All: He who hung the earth upon the waters: today he is hung upon the cross. (Common Book of Prayer)

Setting the scene: Jesus hailed King

John 12:12

Song: Song of the Hours (Duke Special)

Reading 1: The Last Supper (Matthew 26:20-29)

First Candle extinguished

Reading 2: Gethsemane -and Jesus' arrest (Matt 26:36-56)

Second Candle extinguished

Song - Lord Please Save Me (The Brilliance)

Reading 3: Peter's Denial - (Matt 26:69-75)

Third Candle extinguished

Reading 4: Jesus before Pilate (John 18:28-19:16)

Fourth Candle extinguished

Song - Why? (Michael Card)

Reading 5: The Crucifixion (John 19:17-27)

Fifth Candle extinguished

Song - I'm dying Mother (New York Hymns)

Reading 6: The Death of Jesus (Matthew 17:45-50)

Sixth Candle extinguished

Silence

Song - Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Reading 7: The Burial of Jesus (John 19:31-42)

Song: Oh my Saviour (New York Hymns)/ Death be not proud (Audrey Assad)

"My God, my God why have you forsaken me." Psalm 22:1

Seventh Candle extinguished

Quiet Reflection and Departure.

