Service of Tenebrae
Good Friday
March 21, 2008
Seven-thirty in the evening

The service of Tenebrae, which is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness,” provides an extended meditation on the cross of Christ. Tenebrae services usually occur between Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week as a way to mark Jesus’ dark journey to Golgotha. This is a solemn opportunity to reflect on the passion and suffering of Jesus, who was killed at human hands. Through the reading of scripture and the successive extinguishing of light in the sanctuary, we are invited to enter into the dramatic narrative of Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion.

“Jesus will be in agony until the end of the world . . .” by Georges Roualt, c. 1920s
The congregation is asked to remain silent 
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

PRELUDE

*Herzliebster Jesu*  
Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

*Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein,*  
BWV 668a  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

*OPENING HYMN 292*

What Wondrous Love Is This  
WONDROUS LOVE

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

Almighty Father, as we hear your word tonight, look with mercy 
on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content 
to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to 
suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you 
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 27:3-10 (page 30 in the pew Bible)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—See to It Yourself

ANTHEM

In monte Oliveti  
Terry Schlenker  
(b. 1957)

*In monte Oliveti oravit ad Patrem: Pater, si fieri potest, transeat a me calix 
iste: spiritus quidem promptus est, caro autem infirma, fiat voluntas tua.*

On Mount Olivet he prayed to the Father: Father, if it is possible, 
let this cup pass from me. The spirit is indeed is willing, but the 
flesh is weak: Thy will be done.  
—Matthew 26:39, 41-42

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

LESSON I—Matthew 26:36-46

Jesus’ disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane.

FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED
RESPONSE—Hymn 290, stanza 1 (congregation and choir)
Go to Dark Gethsemane

LESSON II—Matthew 26:47-56
Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE—Hymn 291, stanza 1 (choir only)
He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word

LESSON III—Matthew 26:57-68
Jesus before the Sanhedrin

THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE—Hymn 299, stanza 3 (congregation and choir)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LESSON IV—Matthew 26:69-75
Peter’s denial

FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE—Hymn 289, stanzas 1 and 2 (congregation and choir)
Ah, Holy Jesus

LESSON V—Matthew 27:15-26
Jesus before Pilate

FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE—Hymn 288, stanzas 1 and 2 (congregation and choir)
Were You There

LESSON VI—Matthew 27:27-44
The soldiers mock Jesus.

SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

RESPONSE—Hymn 286, all stanzas (choir only)
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

LESSON VII—Matthew 27:45-50
The death of Jesus

CHRIST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED
(Silence will be observed while bell tolls 33 times to signify each year of Jesus’ life.)
LESSON VIII—Matthew 27:51-54

Surely, he was the Son of God.

CHRIST CANDLE LIT

SILENCE

Please remain seated in silence until the side aisles are lighted to facilitate leaving. Silence is observed throughout the sanctuary from this time forward. Each person is encouraged to pray and meditate as long as he or she desires, then to depart in silence. If you would like to receive anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel after the worship service.

*All who are able may stand.

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