

Moving to Darkness

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE Maundy Thursday - April 14, 2022

The Service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness," is based on the twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ.

PRELUDE

GREETING

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.

Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon us gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

READING I

(Congregation singing) ***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

READING II

(Congregation singing) ***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

READING III

The Extinguishing of the First Candle

(Congregation singing) ***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

READING IV

(Congregation singing) ***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.***

READING V

The Extinguishing of the Second Candle

(Congregation singing) ***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.***

READING VI

The Last Supper (Pote) - Chancel Choir

COMMUNION

Prayer of Consecration and Partaking of the Bread
Prayer of Consecration and Partaking of the Cup

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD (continued)

READING VII

The Extinguishing of the Third Candle

(Congregation singing) ***Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.***

READING VIII

Thy Will Be Done (Courtney) - Chancel Choir

The Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle

(Congregation singing) ***Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.***

READING IX

The Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle

(Congregation singing) ***Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.***

READING X

The Extinguishing of the Sixth Candle

(Congregation singing) ***Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.***

READING XI

The Extinguishing of the Seventh Candle

(Congregation singing) **Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.**

READING XII

The Extinguishing of the Eighth Candle

(Congregation singing) **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul.**

READING XIII

The Extinguishing of the Ninth Candle

(Congregation singing) **To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM", while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

READING XIV

The Extinguishing of the Tenth Candle

(Congregation singing) **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!**

READING XV

The Extinguishing of the Eleventh Candle

(Congregation singing) **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?**

READING XVI

The Extinguishing of the Twelfth Candle

(Congregation singing) **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?**

READING XVII

The Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

READING XVIII

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

DEPART INTO THE NIGHT IN SILENCE



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