

Order of Worship for Good Friday, April 7, 2023

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows” has been practiced by the church since Medieval times, that is, for hundreds of years, since the Middle Ages. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Our readings from John’s Gospel trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we confess that we too are responsible for his death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming sound of the “strepitus”; and through the return of the small but persistent light of the eternal flame (Christ candle) at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

Gathering **please enter in silence*

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

“What Wondrous Love is This” #666 (vs 1-2)

Service of the Word

Reading: Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Scripture Reading: Hebrew 10:16-25

“Out of the Depths I Cry to You” #600 (vs 1-4, with clarinet prelude)

Meditation (silence for meditation)

Prayers: “through Christ our Lord” Amen.

Service of Shadows

The Shadow of Betrayal and Arrest

Reading: John 18:1-11

Response: “Ah, Holy Jesus” #349 (vs 1-2)

The Shadow of Denial

Reading: John 18:12-27

Response: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” #347 (vs 1-2)

The Shadow of Pilate’s Question

Reading: John 18:28-40

Response: “Ah, Holy Jesus” #349 (vs 3-4)

The Shadow of Accusation

Reading: John 19:1-16

(clarinet prelude)

Response: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #351 (vs 1-2)

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

Reading: John 19:16b-22

(clarinet prelude)

Response: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #351 (vs 3-4)

The Shadow of Death

Reading: John 19:23-30

Response: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #803 (vs 1-2)

Christ Candle Removed

The Shadow of Burial

Reading: John 19:31-42

Response: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #803 (vs 3-4)

Eternal Flame Restored (silent meditation)

Dismissal

May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on the cross, keep you and strengthen you. Amen.

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

Easter Sunday *April 17th*

- 8:30am and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:30-10:15am Easter Breakfast: Free will offering with proceeds to benefit the Music Scholarship Fund.

In tonight's service:

Ushers: Al & Julie Monroe, Odello family

Lector: Vicki Dalager

Nursery: Nesvig family

Acolyte: Owen & Lilly Nesvig

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Odello

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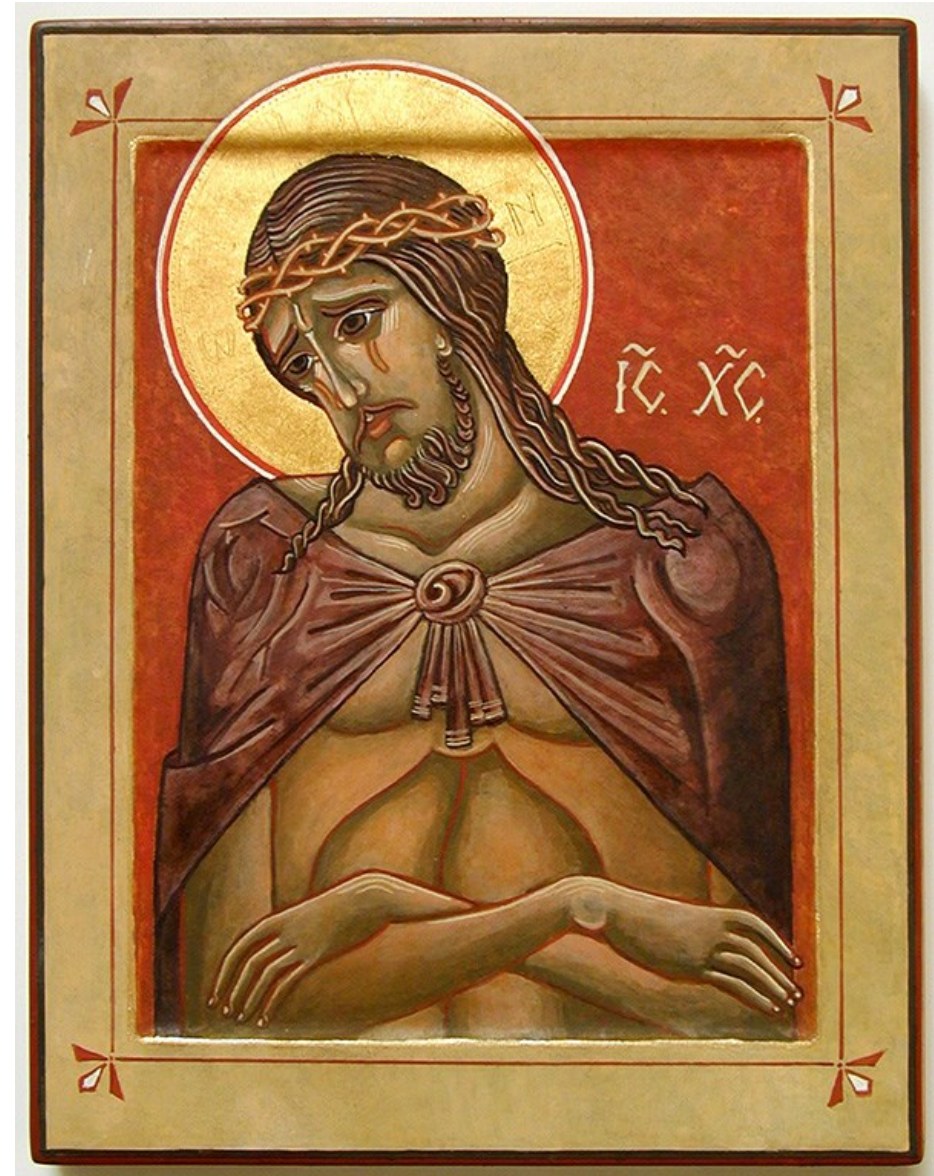
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