



A Prayer for Good Friday

O Jesus, on this day we remember your death, the day your light went out from this earth. We sit in the darkness today, remembering the trials you faced on our behalf. You have borne our sin and made the ultimate sacrifice to save us. Today, as we recall your final hours, we consider a world without you and hold onto the hope we know we have in you. Lord, commit my heart ever closer to you, because I don't want to live in a Good Friday world without you. I want you and your light in my life. I believe in you and want to follow you all the days of my life, even knowing the road ahead will be difficult. Come, Lord Jesus, come and fill this world with your light.

*We hope to see you on Easter
Sunday at 10 am as we celebrate
Jesus' victory over sin and death!*



TENEBRAE SERVICE



A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

**Shelbyville First United
Methodist Church**

March 29th, 2024

6:00 pm

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

PRELUDE
GREETING
Lori Schuler
Pastor: Abe

Pastor: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.
People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
Pastor: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
People: and we loved darkness rather than light.

HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #298

UNISON PRAYER

**People: Holy and loving God,
as we prepare to set aside our busyness
and to focus intently on Jesus' suffering and death,
we ask for eyes to see all of the amazing things that Jesus'
death means for understanding you, your love, and our
salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Reading 1 - Betrayed by Judas
Reading 2 - Jesus Arrested
Reading 3 - Peter's 1st Denial
Reading 4 - Interrogated by Annas
Reading 5 - Peter's 2nd & 3rd Denial
Reading 6 - Mob Takes Jesus to Pilate
Reading 7 - Pilate Questions Jesus
Reading 8 - Barabbas Freed

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Day He Wore My Crown* Jon Brock, flute
Lori Schuler, piano

Reading 9 - Jesus Scourged
Reading 10 - Sentenced to Death
Reading 11 - Jesus Crucified
Reading 12 - Cast Lots for His Clothes
Reading 13 - Faithful Women at the Cross
Reading 14 - It is Finished

Reading 15 - Body Pierced

Reading 16 - Laid in Tomb

HYMN *Were You There?* #288

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE Lori Schuler

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During this service, it is common to encounter a number of intense emotions such as anger, sadness, disbelief, and compassion. Such feelings will arise as we contemplate the way Jesus was treated. It's not an easy path, but it is the path we choose to take in order to deeply reflect on Jesus' sacrifice.

For a more contemplative and meaningful experience, you may wish to consider the following reflective questions and/or prayer prompts. Part of the intent behind this service is to deeply engage the themes of darkness, sacrificial love, and redemption that run throughout the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Reflective Questions to Consider:

1. What does the increasing darkness of the Tenebrae service symbolize for you personally?
2. How does the story of Christ's passion and death challenge or comfort you in your current circumstances?
3. In what ways can we identify with the feelings of loss and abandonment expressed in the Tenebrae readings?

Prayer Prompts to Consider:

1. Pray for the grace to understand the depth of Christ's sacrifice and the breadth of his love for humankind.
2. Offer prayers of repentance, acknowledging the ways in which we fall short and our need for God's mercy.
3. Pray for those who feel abandoned or are suffering, that they may find comfort and hope in the message of the cross.

