

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – 7pm

March 29, 2024

Pastor Gordon Naumann – Celebrant

Mrs. Karen Ann Kowalczyk – Organist

The Tenebrae (from the Latin word for “darkness”) Service is a service of “gradual darkness” which recalls the final hours of the Passion of Christ by rehearsing His last Words from the Cross. After each Word is read, a candle will be extinguished. The extinguishment of the seventh candle symbolizes the finality of Jesus’ sacrifice for us all.

Worshippers are asked to refrain from conversation before and after the service, in keeping with the meditative mood of “Tenebrae.”

Invocation & Salutation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your Church, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

You may be seated

Scripture Reading – Mark 14:32-42

The first candle is extinguished while we sing:

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - LSB 450 (s.1)

Scripture Reading - Mark 14:43-52

The second candle is extinguished while we sing:

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - LSB 450 (s.2)

Scripture Reading - Mark 14:53-65

The third candle is extinguished while we sing:

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - LSB 450 (s.3)

Scripture Reading - Mark 14:66 - 15:5

The fourth candle is extinguished while we sing:

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - LSB 450 (s.4)

Scripture Reading - Mark 15:6-20

The fifth candle is extinguished while we sing:

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - LSB 450 (s.5)

Scripture Reading - Mark 15:21-39

The sixth candle is extinguished while we sing:

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - LSB 450 (s.6)

*Each member is now invited to walk up to the cross in front of the sanctuary in single file and dip their fingers in the font and make the sign of the cross upon themselves, to vividly remember their baptism.
REMEMBER – CHRIST’S DEATH IS YOUR DEATH!*

Scripture Reading - Mark 15:40-47

The seventh candle is extinguished while we sing:

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - LSB 450 (s.7)

*The Tolling of the Bells Marks the Closing of the Tomb
The congregation recesses out in silence*