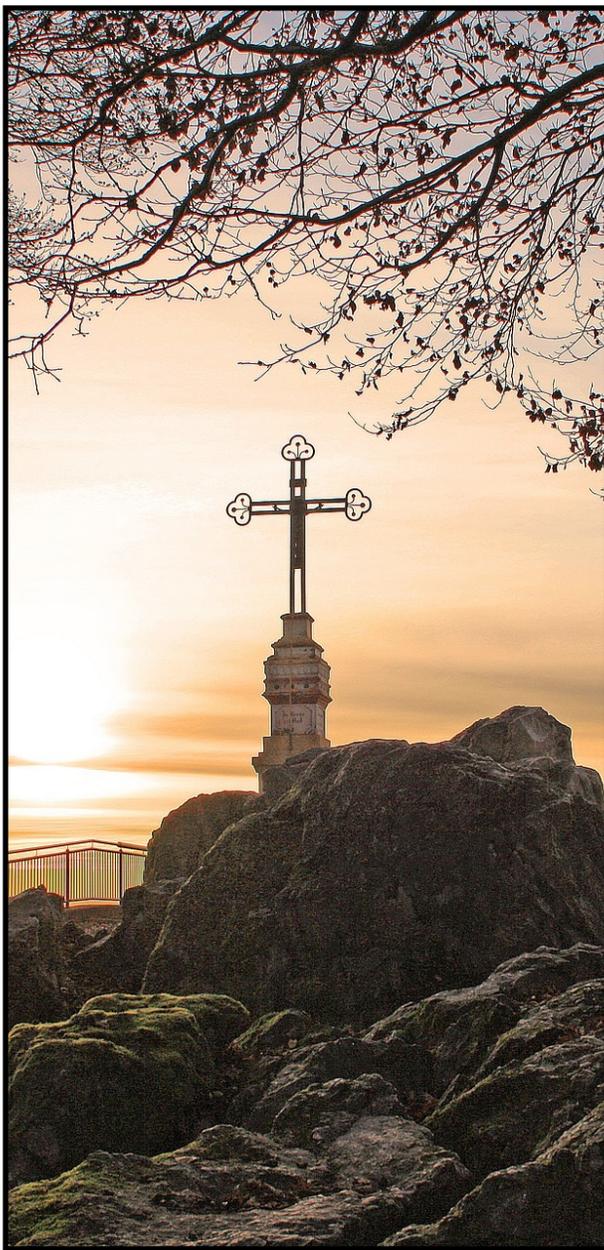


Good Friday



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Westminster At Worship

Good Friday

April 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.



The Tenebrae Service is a dramatic service to remember the death of Jesus Christ. The translation of the Latin word "Tenebrae" is "shadows;" thus, the service moves from light to darkness.

The purpose of the Tenebrae Service is to help us remember the full impact of the darkest day in the history of Christianity, the day that Jesus died on the cross. The service is in complete contrast to Easter. The mood is what the followers of Jesus felt on that Friday long ago... shock, despair, gloom, grief, and sadness. When the service ends, Jesus has died and the bell is tolled thirty-three times.

Let us gather in silence and prepare our hearts for worship.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

John 1:1-14 8:12

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

People: We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings of the day Christ died.

Leader: Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

People: But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

Leader: From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

People: God, into your hands we commend our spirits.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, we confess to you: like sheep, we all go astray.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: We betray you; we deny you; like sheep, we all go astray.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: We mock you; we scorn you; like sheep, we all go astray.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: We abandon you; we forsake you; like sheep, we all go astray.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: We condemn you; we crucify you; like sheep, we all go astray.

People: Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Leader: Lamb of God, have mercy on us,

People: And by your grace, Lord Jesus Christ, save us from our sin. Amen.

Leader: ...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

RESPONSIVE READING

selections from Psalm 22

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

People: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

Leader: O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword. Save me from the mouth of the lion!

People: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

Leader: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

People: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

Leader: May your hearts live forever!

People: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

THE ARREST

John 18:1-14

...Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are looking for?" Those with Judas answered,

People: "Jesus of Nazareth."

"I am he." Now Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them and when Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. So, again Jesus asked them, "Whom are you looking for?"

People: "Jesus of Nazareth."

MUSIC

"Lamb of God"

THE DENIAL

John 18:15-18; 25-27

MUSIC

"He Loved Them to the End"

THE TRIAL

John 18:19-24; 28-40

...So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" The people who had brought Jesus answered,

People: "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you."

...After asking Jesus, "What is truth?" Pilate went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" As one the people shouted in reply,

People: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

Barabbas was a bandit.

MUSIC

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

The Sentence

John 19:1-16a

...So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted,

People: "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

...Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. Pilate said to the people, "Here is your King!" And the people again cried out as one,

People: "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate really wanted to know, and so again he asked, "Shall I crucify your King?"

People: "We have no king but the emperor."

MUSIC

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

THE CRUCIFIXION

John 19:16b-24

IT IS FINISHED

John 19:25-30

MUSIC

“Gethsemane”

THE BURIAL

John 19:31-42

MUSIC

“Were You There”

TOLLING OF THE BELL

*When the tolling of the bell ends,
please leave the sanctuary in silent meditation.*



Holy Week Schedule

Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service

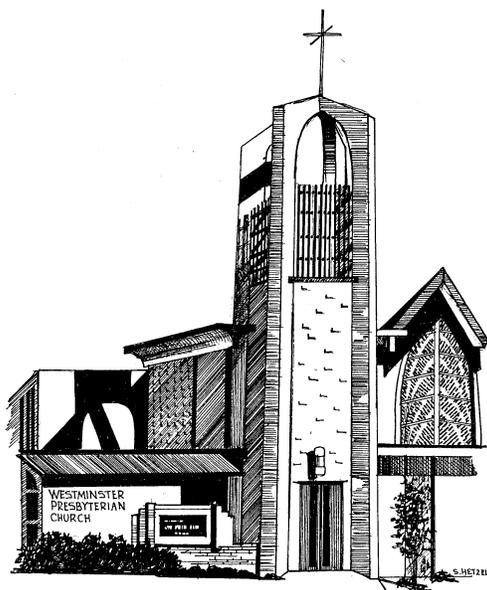
Saturday, April 3

7:00 p.m. Outdoor Family Easter Vigil (meet in Wenona Street parking lot)

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

