

# GOOD FRIDAY

## TENEBRAE SERVICE



MARCH 29, 2024

7:00PM SANCTUARY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SPARTANBURG, SC

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out and know,

**God is listening with compassion and love.**

Even when words won't come,

**God knows our every need.**

Even when death seems all around,

**God walks with us every step of the way.**

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## OPENING PRAYER &amp; LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ✠HYMN 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

## WONDROUS LOVE

*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!*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown,*

*Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

*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!*

*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.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF SPIRIT

Reading  
Response

Luke 22:39-46

STAY WITH ME

*Stay with me;  
remain here with me;  
watch and pray.  
Watch and pray.*

## THE SHADOW OF ARREST

Reading  
Response

John 18:1-8

Margaret R. Tucker

*This Is the Night*

## THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Reading  
Response

Matthew 26:69-75, 27:1-5

Johann Crüger

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

## THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Reading  
Response

Mark 15:1-15

arr. Sondra Tucker

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

## THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY

Reading  
Response

Matthew 27:27-31

Samuel Barber

*The Crucifixion*

## THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Reading  
Response

Matthew 27:32-44

Stephen Paulus

*Carol of the Hill*

## THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Reading  
Response

Luke 23:44-49

HAMBURG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,*  
*my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*  
*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;*  
*all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*  
*See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;*  
*did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

## THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

## THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

Reading  
Response

Mark 15:42-46

WERE YOU THERE

*Were You There?*

STREPITUS

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN 227

*Jesus, Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS RESTORED

SENDING PRAYER

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

THE PEOPLE LEAVE IN SILENCE

*The congregation is invited to depart the Sanctuary in silence as they feel led.*

## THE MEANING OF TENEBRAE

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous event. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and 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 flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

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## PARTICIPATING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Rev. Alan F. Dyer; Rev. L. Craig Foster; Dr. Lewis F. Galloway  
Rev. Leslie A. Lang; Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise; Rev. Ansley B. Page  
Holt Andrews; Marcia Andrews  
Chancel Choir; Handbell Choir  
Lisa Cunningham; Valerie MacPhail; Kathy Foster, cello

*Front Cover: “Christ on the Cross with Mary and John” by Rogier van der Weyden*

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