



First Presbyterian  
Church of Plymouth



# GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

WE ARE A FAMILY OF FAITH, CALLED TO CELEBRATE GOD'S MESSAGE OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS IN JESUS CHRIST. GUIDED BY THE LIVING WORD OF GOD, WE NURTURE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH WORSHIP, PRAYER, TEACHING, AND FELLOWSHIP. LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE REACH OUT WITH HEARTS AND HANDS TO THOSE IN NEED, SEEKING TO INSPIRE HOPE IN AN EVER-CHANGING COMMUNITY AND WORLD.

APRIL 7, 2023

# THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PLYMOUTH, MI

8:00PM

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The service of Tenebrae (the name means 'darkness' or 'shadows') is a Holy Week devotion which traces its roots back to the seventh century. It is characterized by the gradual darkening of the Sanctuary as candles are extinguished throughout the service. Every word spoken in the service is found in the Scriptures.

The service is intended to impress upon us the significance of Jesus' death and the events which led to it. At the end of each 'shadow,' a candle is extinguished followed by a time of silent reflection. The candle representing Christ is not extinguished, but is carried out of the Sanctuary to represent a period of complete silence symbolizing the tomb. Thirty bells will ring to represent the thirty pieces of silver paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. Following the bells the *strepitus* is heard, a noise signifying the earthquake and the closing of the tomb. At the end of the period of silence, the pastor will return the Christ candle to its place in anticipation of the resurrection. The Lord's Prayer will then be whispered in unison. After the Lord's Prayer, the choir will sing one verse and then recess in silence while the congregation waits and then departs in silence.

PRELUDE	<i>"Chorale Prelude on Passion Chorale"</i>	E. Broughton
WORDS OF WELCOME AND EXPLANATION		Rev. Emily Riley Campbell
SILENT PROCESSIONAL		
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>"The Power of the Cross"</i> Chancel Choir, Soloist; Carole Moon	Getty & Townend
*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 257 +++	<i>"What Wondrous Love Is This"</i>	
CALL TO CONFESSION		Rev. Ashley S. Ashley
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	<b>Savior of the world, we confess to you that we have betrayed and denied you. We have forgotten and doubted you. When our faith is tested, we wonder where you are. When we see injustice, we often stand by and ignore the cries of others. With our silence, we betray you for we fail to proclaim your Good News or live out your teachings. Forgive us, dear Lord, we pray. Help us to remember your sacrifice offered in love, so that we may know the power of your forgiveness and then live for your glory and praise. (silence for personal confession)</b>	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rev. Ashley

### THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

LESSON

Matthew 26:14-16

Gwyn Jones

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 272 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs. 1)

SILENT REFLECTION

### THE SHADOW OF VIGIL

LESSON

Matthew 26:36-40

Tom Weaver

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 254 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (vs.1 and 2)

SILENT REFLECTION

### THE SHADOW OF ARREST

LESSON

Matthew 26:47-54

Ron Moon

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 284 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (vs.1 and 2)

SILENT REFLECTION

### THE SHADOW OF JUDGMENT

LESSON

Matthew 27:11-14; 24-26

Kurt Wilder

Choral Anthem

"In The Praetorium"

J.M. Martin

Chancel Choir

SILENT REFLECTION

### THE SHADOW OF SACRIFICE

LESSON

Isaiah 53:4-7

Rev. Ashley

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 283 "Were You There" (vs. 1 and 2)

SILENT REFLECTION

### THE SHADOW OF DEATH

LESSON

Matthew 27:45-54

Rev. Campbell

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Even The Heavens are Weeping"

J.M. Martin

Chancel Choir with John Monks; Percussionist

SILENT REFLECTION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 261 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

### THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

30 BELLS - "STREPITUS" - SILENCE

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said as a whisper)

Rev. Ashley

**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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE NO. 283

"Were You There" (vs. 3)

Chancel Choir Men

EXIT IN SILENCE (The congregation is requested to **remain in their pews until the choir has recessed** and then leave the building in silence.)

\*All who are able are invited to stand

+++Please be seated

Our Ushers this evening are: Denise Stewart, Bev MacGaw, Stu and Sandy Dodge.

We invite you to spend time in personal reflection and prayer on **HOLY SATURDAY**. Our Sanctuary will be open for your private worship from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Please join us for **EASTER WORSHIP**.  
Three services: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. in the Upper Room

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