

### We sing a hymn

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 ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all  
Isaac Watts

### THE GATHERING DARKNESS (Tenebrae)

#### Shadow of Betrayal:

Luke 22.1-6

#### Shadow of Prediction:

John 13.36-38

#### Shadow of Fulfilment:

Luke 22.35-38

#### Shadow of Agony of Spirit:

Luke 22.39-46

#### Shadow of Arrest:

Mark 14.42-49

#### Shadow of Desertion:

Mark 14.50-52

#### Shadow of Denial:

Mark 14.66-72

#### Shadow of Accusation:

Mark 14.53,55-64

#### Shadow of Injustice:

Luke 23.1-5

#### Shadow of Ridicule:

Luke 23.8-11

#### Shadow of Humiliation:

Mark 15.16-19

#### Shadow of Crucifixion:

John 19.4-6b, 14-16a

Pause in the darkness for silent prayer. When the central candle is relit, we depart in silence.



# Tenebrae Service

## worship in the shadows

Maundy Thursday, 8.15pm

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#### Preparation before the service

We will be celebrating communion at this service and so it would be helpful to prepare one or two things if you wish to fully enter into the service. Otherwise feel free to simply observe and reflect.

- **Print out the order of service** to enable you to follow the service without the distraction of multiple screens.
- **Print out the Tenebrae readings.** We will join together in at least the last reading.
- **Prepare a small amount of bread and wine** (or similar) to share with your household or eat alone (you are not alone) when it comes to communion.
  - Alternatively our persecuted brothers and sisters in other countries sometimes use a grape to signify both the body and blood of Jesus as they whisper scripture and prayers together. They have much to teach us about worshipping together in isolation.
- You may wish to have a candle or just one light lit during Tenebrae

## Opening Music

### Welcome and Introduction

### Act of Penitence

Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of  
your compassion  
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned  
and done what is evil in your  
sight.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we  
shall be clean;  
wash us and we shall be whiter  
than snow.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days. **Amen**

### The Collect

### Bible Readings

John 13:1-11, 34-35

## Sermon

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Help us to help each other Lord  
Each other's load to bear  
That all may live in true accord  
Our joys and pains to share

Help us to build each other up  
Your strength within us prove  
Increase our faith  
confirm our hope  
And fill us with your love

Together make us free indeed  
Your life within us show  
And into you our living head  
Let us in all things gro

Drawn by the magnet  
of your love  
We find our hearts made new  
Nearer each other let us move  
And nearer still to you

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### Prayers

### The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with  
you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be  
troubled, neither let them be  
afraid.' The peace of the Lord be  
always with you  
**and also with you.**

## The Lord's Supper

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your heats.

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.

**It is right to give thanks and  
praise.**

*A prayer of thanksgiving followed  
by as they proclaim your glory  
without end:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Last Supper is remembered,  
and this acclamation follows:*

Christ is the bread of life:  
**When we eat this bread and  
drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord  
Jesus, until you come in glory.**

We pray as our saviour taught his  
disciples:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but  
deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

Eat and drink in remembrance  
that Christ died for you.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who  
takes away the sin of the world.

**Blessed are those who are called  
to his supper.**

### After communion

You have opened to us the  
Scriptures, O Christ, and you have  
made yourself known in the  
breaking of the bread. Abide with  
us, we pray, that, blessed by your  
royal presence, we may walk with  
you all the days of our life, and at  
its end behold you in the glory of  
the eternal Trinity, ever. Amen.