

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

We sing a hymn

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 hearts.

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.