

Tenebrae Service

Words of Welcome –

‘Tenebrae’ means darkness or shadows.

As we come to the end of Lent,
we begin a journey into darkness to a place of deep shadows.

Today we accompany Jesus in his last hours.

We witness the cruelties and the suffering he endures.

We listen to the words of condemnation and ridicule.

In all this he is innocent.

He is the faithful servant of God,

doing his Father’s work;

bringing the gospel of love, peace and hope.

And so, in this service, we are invited to walk solemnly and attentively with Jesus.

Better to know.

Better to understand.

Better to be his friend, his disciple, his witness.

Be still and know that God is here.

Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This Keith and Kristin Getty

1. The Anointing of Jesus Mark 14:3-9 Symbol: Broken Jar

Hymn: O Sacred Head Sore Wounded – Kings College choir

2. The Passover Mark 14:10-21 Symbol: The Bowl

Why? Michael Card

3. A Meal in Memory Mark 14:22-31 Symbol: The Chalice and bread

Taize Song: “Jesus, Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom” Taize Community Choir

4. Betrayed Mark 14:32-51 Symbol: Money Bag

In the Garden: Michael Card

5. The Pain of Denial Mark 14:66-72 Symbol: The Rooster

Schindlers List theme music

6. Death Sentence Mark 15:6-20 Symbol: Crown of Thorns

The Passion of the Christ – Philharmonic Orchestra - 100 Greatest film themes

7. The Way of the Cross Mark 15:21-32 Symbol: Nails

Via Dolorosa – Sandy Patty

8. The Death of Jesus Mark 15:33-47 Symbol: Candle

(At the end of this reading, the Christ Candle will be extinguished. We will remain in darkness for a few minutes.)

Silent Reflection

The Christ Candle will be relit.

Taize Reflections: “Within Our Darkest Night”

When I survey the wondrous cross: Kathryn Scott