

# Good Friday Service

## March 29, 2024

Prelude *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now* arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome and explanation of Tenebrae Service

Prayer

Choral Anthem *Thirty Pieces of Silver*

Mary Kay Beall  
John Carter

After each reading, pause for the candle to be extinguished.

Sung responses:

### **Betrayal**

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*  
*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*  
*Oh! Sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*  
*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

### **Trial**

*Were you there when they brought him to the trial?*  
*Were you there when they brought him to the trial?*  
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*  
*Were you there when they brought him to the trial?*

### **Rejection**

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*  
*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*  
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*  
*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

### **Crucifixion**

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*  
*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*  
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*  
*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

### **Death**

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*  
*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*  
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*  
*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

Dismissal

Rev. Rachel McIver Morey  
Donna Paulsen, Organist  
Deborah Rae Miller, Adult Choir Director  
David Miller, Accompanist

## About the Service of Tenebrae

The Service of Tenebrae dates back to the early centuries of the Christian church. Tenebrae means “darkness” or “shadows” in Latin, and the service is characterized by the darkening of the sanctuary as we hear the story of Christ’s Passion. No other service in the church year is more biblical, for every spoken word of the Service of Tenebrae is taken directly from the Bible. In our service this evening we will be hearing the story of Christ’s Passion from the Gospel of Luke.

As each candle is extinguished, let us be aware of the ways in which we have betrayed and rejected our Lord that the darkness of the cross may be made real for us. At the end of the service let us maintain a silent and solemn spirit as we leave the sanctuary. Those who wish to remain for a time of prayer and meditation are invited to do so.

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