

***Invocation and The Lord's Prayer**

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.

*Hymn 247

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

The Passion of Christ According to the Gospel of Matthew

The First Lesson: The Plot and Betrayal of Jesus (Matthew 26:1-5)

The Second Lesson: Jesus Anointed at Bethany (Matthew 26:6-13)

The Third Lesson: Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16)

† The first candle is extinguished.

The Fourth Lesson: The Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30)

† The second candle is extinguished.

† TH 422 “Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know” (v.1, 4) ROCKINGHAM OLD

The Fifth Lesson: Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial (Matthew 26:31-35)

† The third candle is extinguished.

The Sixth Lesson: Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46)

† The fourth candle is extinguished.

† Anthem “A Lenten Love Song” Helen Kemp

Latin Text	English Translation
Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.	Where charity and love are found, God is there.

The Seventh Lesson: Jesus Arrested (Matthew 26:47-56)

† The fifth candle is extinguished.

† TH 248 “Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended” (v.1) HERZLIEBSTER JESU

The Eighth Lesson: Jesus Before the Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:57-68)

† The sixth candle is extinguished.

The Ninth Lesson: Peter Disowns Jesus (Matthew 26:69-75)

† The seventh candle is extinguished.

The Tenth Lesson: Judas Hangs Himself (Matthew 27:1-10)

† The eighth candle and back row chandeliers are extinguished.

The Eleventh Lesson: Jesus Before Pilate (Matthew 27:11-26)

† The ninth candle and middle row chandeliers are extinguished.

† TH 248 “Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended” (v.2, 3) HERZLIEBSTER JESU

The Twelfth Lesson: The Soldiers Mock Jesus (Matthew 27:27-31)

† The tenth candle and front row chandeliers are extinguished.

† Homily “Hail, King of the Jews” Rev. Bob Elliott, III

The Thirteenth Lesson: The Crucifixion of Jesus (Matthew 27:32-44)

† The eleventh candle and left recessed lights are extinguished.

† Anthem “Song of Sorrow” Ludwig von Beethoven / arr. Patrick Liebergen

The Fourteenth Lesson: The Death of Jesus (Matthew 27:45-56)

† The twelfth candle and right recessed lights are extinguished.

† Anthem “Ave Verum Corpus” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart / arr. Charles H. Giffen

Latin Text	English Translation
Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus, perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis prægustatum, in mortis examine.	Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!

The Fifteenth Lesson: The Burial of Jesus (Matthew 27:57-61)

† Silence is observed.

† The altar candles are extinguished.

† Black cloth is draped over the pulpit and table.

† Remaining lights (pulpit, choir) are extinguished.

† A loud noise is heard symbolizing the tomb being sealed.

† A lit candle representing is carried in and placed in the top position of the hearse.

Please remain seated in silence until the side aisles are lighted to facilitate leaving. Each person is encouraged to pray and meditate as long as he or she desires, then to depart in silence.

We will gather on Sunday, April 9, at 7:00 AM in the Union sanctuary and 11:00 AM in the Edgemoor sanctuary to celebrate the resurrection of our crucified Christ.

"Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness." The service of Tenebrae as practiced in most Protestant Churches is adapted from practices dating back to the ninth century taking worshippers with Jesus through the ordeal of arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial in dark tomb. This service is typically held at night on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

Tonight, the story of the suffering and death of Jesus from Matthew's gospel is divided into 12 readings. After each segment of the story is read, a candle is extinguished. Lights in the sanctuary are also extinguished. After the twelfth reading, which confirms that Jesus had died on the cross and been buried, the last of the 12 lit candles is extinguished. A loud sound (called *strepitus* in Latin) is made to convey the sealing of the tomb. The altar and pulpit are draped in black, and the last lights are extinguished.

Worshippers sit in the darkness as a single lit candle is brought in and placed at the top of the candle hearse symbolizing our hope. When the side lights are raised, worshippers may leave in silence or spend time praying or pondering the impact of Christ's death and await the celebration of the coming Resurrection.

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GOOD FRIDAY

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
ORDER OF WORSHIP
APRIL 7, 2023
7:00PM

Our worship begins with the chiming of the hour. Please silence your cell phones.

Chiming the Hour

Welcome

Rev. Neely Gaston

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Slowly, we come to worship on this Good Friday.

Reluctantly, we hear the story of Jesus' suffering.

Bleakly, we follow Jesus to the grave.

Humbly, we acknowledge our part in his passion.

Deeply, we yearn to understand the depth of this sacrifice.

Solemnly, we gather this day to pray and worship together, giving thanks for our Savior Jesus Christ.