

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE
A SERVICE OF SHADOWS
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FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 29, 2024

Prelude *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Piano/Cello/Viola
During this prelude, the altar will be stripped. Traditionally done at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service, the stripping of the altar “symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion.” (*Living Lutheran*)

Introduction to Tenebrae Worship Leaders: Eliot Dorry, Judy Beckman
The Shadow of Loneliness

Matthew 26:36-45 Readers: Amanda Stattelman, Jim Foster
Sr. Choir “Stay With Me”

The Shadow of Desertion
Matthew 26:47-56 Readers: Marilyn Hanson, Brent Zahrbock

Congregational Response “My Jesus, I Love Thee” vs 1-2

The Shadow of Accusation and Denial
Matthew 26 excerpts Readers: Archer Dorry, Marla Strei

Reflection Worship Leaders: Eliot and Judy

Prayer of Confession

WL: When we act as though your Gospel does not have the power to change us

Cong: Forgive us, Lord.

WL: When we are consumed by Satan’s lies, even though Your truth has set us free,

Cong: Forgive us, Lord

WL: For desiring status and power, and yet failing to be Your servant;
For being so quick to accept your grace

Cong: but then so slow to extend it to those who have hurt us, Forgive us, Lord.

WL: For the times when You ran toward us with arms extended,

Cong: but we treated You like a stranger, Forgive us Lord.

WL: Forgive us, Lord, for losing hope in Your goodness,

Cong: for the smallness of our faith.

WL: Forgive us for the sins we know and remember; these sins weigh heavily upon us.

Cong: And forgive us for the sins which we have forgotten, which meant almost nothing to us, but cost You so dearly.

WL: In this solemn hour, as we remember Your death,

Cong: we ask You to break open all the places that have hardened within us,

WL: every place that is self-satisfied and self-serving, every attitude that is superior and smug.

Cong: We come before you, Lord, asking You to forgive us for loving You so little. We are so guilty. Forgive us, Lord. Amen.

WL: Nehemiah 9:17 "But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Sr. Choir "Search Me, O God"

The Shadow of Humiliation and Crucifixion

Mark 15:12-20, 29-32 Readers: Becky Parker, Kim Anderson, Liz Ketz

Congregational Response "My Jesus, I Love Thee" vs. 3-4

Dramatic Monologue

"I am Not God"

Darin Ehrenberg

Congregational Response "Far Reaching is the Father's Love"

Explanation of the End of Service Symbolism

The Shadow of Death

Matthew 27 excerpts

Reader: Terry Kalberg

Sr. Choir

"Until You Save the World"

Soloist: Katelyn Renne

Strepitus
Silence for 3 minutes
Handbell signifying our exit

Please exit in silence.

Sr. Choir Director: Lisa Berdan

Instrumentalists: Carol Ydstie, piano; Emily Trusty, cello; Meg Scholberg, viola

Altar Guild Member: Jocelyn Schowalter

Altar Assistants: Julie Hipple, Marilyn Hanson, Liz Ketz, Marla Strei, Kirsti Ehrenberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Becky Parker, Archer Dorry, Kim Anderson, Judy Beckman, Lila Salls

Acolytes: Jaclyn & Cameron

Candle Extinguishers: Kristi Ehrenberg, Becky Parker, Marilyn Chindvall, Julie Hipple
A very special thank you to all the members of the First English Lutheran Choir and all who participated in this evening's service.

Please join us for the celebration of the Resurrection this Easter Sunday at 7:00 a.m. or 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served by our youth following the Sunrise service.

FELC SR. CHOIR PARTICIPANTS

Soprano

Amanda Stattelman
Marilyn Hanson
Kristi Ehrenberg
Marla Strei
Julie Hipple
Marilyn Chindvall

Tenor

Judy Beckman
Jim Foster
Jonathan Ydstie
Brent Zahrbock

Alto

Liz Ketz
Becky Parker
Kim Anderson
Kathy Longhenry
Lila Salls
Ginger Athey
Paula Reisdorph
Kathy Randall

Bass

Ray Ogdahl
Darin Ehrenberg
Archer Dorry
Dick Strei
Terry Kalberg