

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

APRIL 7, 2023



These resources are also available at www.wyckoffreformed.org/worshipguides.
To participate in this service online, join us at wrclive.org or on Facebook Live.

Restrooms are available through the right-hand door at the front of the sanctuary.
A quiet room with changing table, kids' toys and seating is available through the left-hand door.

Bold sections will be read aloud together.

* Invites you to rise in body or in spirit.

Please enter humbly and quietly. Tonight, we mark the crucifixion of Jesus through a service of Tenebrae. Tenebrae means shadows, and so our worship will include an experience of some of the shadows that Christ endured. We will walk through Luke's telling of the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth, picking up where we left off in Sunday worship. With each step, the light will be diminished. As the lights are extinguished, we ponder the depths of Christ's suffering and death on our behalf, we stand in awe before the mystery that what seems so surely to be Jesus' defeat is actually the defeat of death.

Throughout the service we will allow Nicholas Markell's Biblical Stations of the Cross to lead us deeper into the story. As you observe them, notice any symbolism that is included. Notice where your eye is drawn and if there is any movement in the artwork. Allow all of this to draw you deeper in.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION

PRAYER

"We gather tonight as a people who prefer to live in darkness, to hide from you and your presence, to seek ourselves and our own good. Tonight, at the foot of your cross, we see the true end of that darkness. As we come to the cross, to watch as you are arrested, tried, and crucified, O Lord, have mercy on us! Be with us on this night, and reveal to us also the unfathomable depths of your love for us. Wipe away our shame, wash away our guilt, cleanse us, O Lord, and make us new that we might follow in your Way and take up our own cross. In the gracious name of Jesus we pray, Amen."

***HYMN**

"NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD"

SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 53:1-12

REFLECTION

Rev. Andy Kadzban

"FOR ME"
Cathy Nalesnik and Carly DaSilva

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

LUKE 23:26
Lisa McMackin

"BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS" #167

THE SHADOW OF REBELLION

LUKE 23:27-31
Sandy Condal

"DAUGHTERS OF ZION"

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

LUKE 23:32-38
Joe Ralph

"O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED" #168

THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY

LUKE 23:39-43
Jenny DeRosa

"JESUS REMEMBER ME" #169

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

LUKE 23:44-49
Jen Aug

"AH HOLY JESUS, HOW HAVE I OFFENDED" #172

THE SHADOW OF THE GRAVE

LUKE 23:50-56
Rob Karklin

"WERE YOU THERE?" #166

We leave in silence. The light of Christ has been put out. God has died. Having laid him in the tomb, we return to our homes. We go out into the darkness of this night remembering that this day is in fact "Good", knowing the light that will burst forth with the Easter sunrise. Don't jump to the light too quickly, though. Remember that resurrection requires death, that our forgiveness requires another's suffering, that our own transformation and renewal requires dying to ourselves. So we go from this place in silence, pondering all that we have seen and heard, and waiting for the renewal of all things. Go in peace.



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WORSHIPING GOD

We believe that we were created to worship God!
Join us every Sunday at 9:30am for worship, live or online.
Childcare is available for all services,
as well as Sunday School for children Pre-K through 8th Grade.

We will have a Sunrise Easter Service at 6:30am outside the sanctuary and
Easter Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS

We believe our calling is to make disciples of Jesus and there are many opportunities to explore who Jesus is and to seek to grow in your faith here at The Wyckoff Reformed Church. Connect with us for more info about Bible studies, book groups, and other opportunities to grow in Christ. We also have Youth Groups for Junior and Senior High School students to build community and grow together.

LIVING MISSIONALLY

We believe that we exist to join what God is already doing in our homes, neighborhoods, and the world. There are many opportunities to serve, either here at church or in the community. We'd love for you to join us!

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