



# TENEBRAE

## The Passion According to the Gospel of Mark

Good Friday – March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading the sections in *bold italics*.

\* - Please rise in body or in spirit

### INTRODUCTION TO THE TENEBRAE SERVICE

#### The Meditations

The meditations included in this evening's service are intended to be sung over and over again as mantra-like prayer. Congregants are invited to either join in or simply listen as one prefers.

#### The Significance of Tenebrae

Tenebrae is a Latin word which means shadows and seems to have been applied to this service because the sequence of order is accompanied by ever-deepening shadows. The sanctuary is brilliantly lighted at the beginning of the service. Then, as the service continues the lights gradually dim until at the end there is total darkness - except for the Christ Candle on the altar table. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and the resentment of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the Cross.

## OPENING REFLECTION ON THE LAST WORDS

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.

*Here is love  
caught between the powers of the world  
and the breaking of heaven  
on the long journey home  
we do not know what it is we do  
and the Last Word  
forgives*

Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.

*Here is love  
found between two thieves  
crucified among the lost  
and the Last Word turns  
and promises paradise*

Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.

*Here is love  
lonely on the cross  
and with nothing left  
the Last Word even now  
brings together mother and son*

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

*Here is love  
some gargoye of grace  
abandoned by heaven  
and the Last Word breaks  
with loneliness*

I thirst.

*Here is love  
and in the last moments of life  
seeks solace  
and the Last Word in the final moment  
yet appeals to humanity*

It is finished.

*Here is love  
and here what it is like  
when every hope  
comes to an end  
and the Last Word  
is finished*

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

*Here is love  
Clinging to one last hope  
that not everything is lost  
when the last word dies*

~ written by Roddy Hamilton

## MARK 14:1-9 – JESUS IS ANOINTED AT BETHANY

### MEDITATION – “Where the Word Is Ever Preached”

Where the word is ev - er preached, what she has

done for his soul\_\_\_\_\_ will be re-called for all time.

## THE ALABASTER JAR

## MARK 14:10-21 – JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS

### MEDITATION – “The Son Of Man Will Go As It Is Written”

The Son of Man will go as it is writ - ten. But woe to  
 one by whom he is be - trayed! He will de - sire His moth-er nev-er  
 bore him. He will re - gret that he had ev - er lived. The Son of

## THE MONEY BAG

## MARK 14:22-25 – THE LORD’S SUPPER

### MEDITATION – “I Will Lift Up”

I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and call on the name of the  
 (I will lift) up the bread of af - flic - tion and of - fer my praise to the  
 Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord my God in the  
 Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord my God in the  
 pre - sence of God’s own peo - ple. I will lift  
 pre - sence of God’s own peo - ple.

## THE BASKET AND THE CUP

## MARK 14:26-31- JESUS GOES TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

### MEDITATION – “My Lord, If We Must Die With You”

My Lord if we must die with you, we'll nev-er dare de - ny you. We'll

nev-er run, we'll nev-er hide, we'll nev-er dare de - ny you. My

## THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK

### MARK 14:32-50 – JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE

#### MEDITATION – “As He Prayed in Gethsemane”

As He prayed in Geth-sam-an-e, "Re-move this cup from me," the

dark-ness fell, the trait-or came and kissed the Son of Man.

## THE SWORD

## MARK 14:53-65 – JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

### MEDITATION – “We Heard Him Say”

We heard Him say, "I will des - troy this tem - ple made with

hands." \_\_\_\_\_ In three day's time, "an - oth - er I will build."

## THE BLINDFOLD

## MARK 14:66-72 – PETER DENIES JESUS

### MEDITATION – “We Saw You Walking with Him”

We saw you walk - ing with Him, we saw you walk - ing.

Sure - ly, you know of Je - sus and won't de - ny Him!

## THE ROOSTER

## MARK 15:1-20 – PILATE HANDS JESUS OVER TO BE CRUCIFIED

### MEDITATION – “Crucify Him”

Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci -

fy Him! Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci - fy this King of the Jews! Cru-ci - Jews!

### THE CROWN OF THORNS

## MARK 15:21-32 – THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

### MEDITATION – “You, They Claim, Are God’s Messiah”

You, they claim, are God’s Mes - si - ah. You, they say, are Is rael’s

King.\_\_\_\_\_ Save your - self from cru - ci - fix - ion! Break free the

cross\_\_\_\_\_ and we’ll be - lieve!\_\_\_\_\_

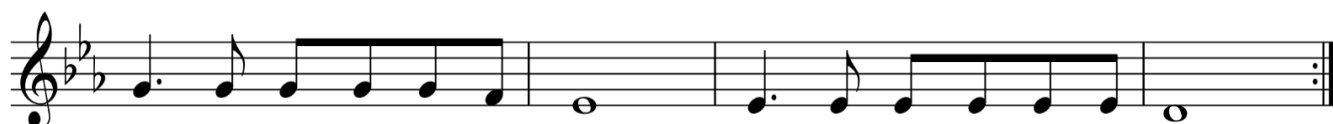
### THE SPIKES

## MARK 15:33-39 – THE DEATH OF JESUS

### MEDITATION – “He Is Calling For Elijah”



He is call-ing for E - li - jah, He is call-ing for E - li - jah.



Will he come and take Him down? Will he come and take Himdown?

### THE HELMET

### THE TOLLING OF THE 33 BELLS

Each toll of the bells represents  
a year in the life of Christ.

### ANTHEM 218 “Were You There?”(verses 1,2,3)

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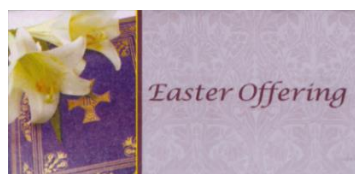
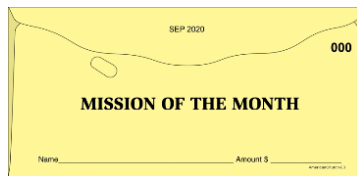
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