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## Good Friday Tenebrae Service

### March 29, 2024

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Ronald W. Raptosh

PRELUDE

*Inscription of Hope*

Avery Biltz- vocalist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

**People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Leader: And this the judgement, that the light has come into the world,

**People: And we loved darkness rather than light.**

HYMN

***Lift High the Cross***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 159

***(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

*(1) Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine.*

***(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

*(2) Each new-born servant of the Crucified bears  
on the brow the seal of him who died.*

***(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

*(3) O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.*

***(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

*(4) So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise the Crucified for victory.*

**(Refrain)** *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross. Who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST**

First Reading (Pastor Ron)

The First Candle is Extinguished

Hymn ***Were You There*** (U.M. Hymnal) No. 288

*(1) 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?*

Second Reading (Barb)

The Second Candle is Extinguished

Reader: *Lord, In Your Mercy Hear Our Prayer (Moment of Silence)*

Third Reading (Melissa)

The Third Candle is Extinguished

Hymn ***Are Ye Able*** (U.M. Hymnal) No. 530

*(1) "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"*

*"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."*

*Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.*

*Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.*

Fourth Reading (Joy)

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

Reader: *Lord, In Your Mercy Hear Our Prayer (Moment of Silence)*

Fifth Reading (Pastor Ron)

The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

Hymn ***Are Ye Able*** (U.M. Hymnal) No. 530

*(4) Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,*

*and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.*

*Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.*

*Thy guiding radiance above us shall be*

*a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.*

Sixth Reading (Barb)

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

Reader: *Lord, In Your Mercy Hear Our Prayer (Moment of Silence)*

Seventh Reading (Melissa)

The Seventh Candle is Extinguished

Hymn ***Majesty, Worship His Majesty*** (U.M. Hymnal) No. 176

*Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.*

*Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.*

*So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.*

Eighth Reading (Joy)

The Eighth Candle is Extinguished

Reader: *Lord, In Your Mercy Hear Our Prayer (Moment of Silence)*

Ninth Reading (Pastor Ron)

The Ninth Candle is Extinguished

Hymn ***His Name Is Wonderful*** (U.M. Hymnal) No. 174

*His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.*

*He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.*

*He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he;*

*bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.*

Tenth Reading (Barb)

The Tenth Candle is Extinguished

Reader: *Lord, In Your Mercy Hear Our Prayer (Moment of Silence)*

Eleventh Reading (Melissa)

The Eleventh Candle is Extinguished

Hymn ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** (U.M. Hymnal) No. 298

*(1) When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,*

*my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

Twelfth Reading (Joy)

The Twelfth Candle is Extinguished

Reader: *Lord, In Your Mercy Hear Our Prayer (Moment of Silence)*

Thirteenth Reading (Pastor Ron)

The Thirteenth Candle is Extinguished

Hymn ***The Old Rugged Cross*** (U.M. Hymnal) No. 504

*(1) On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;*

*and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

***(Refrain)*** *So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;*

*I will cling to the old, rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

Fourteenth Reading (Barb)

The Fourteenth Candle is Extinguished

Reader: *Lord, In Your Mercy Hear Our Prayer (Moment of Silence)*

Fifteenth Reading (Melissa)

The Christ Candle is Extinguished and Taken Out of The Sanctuary

Hymn ***Were You There*** (U.M. Hymnal) No. 288

*(3) 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?*

Sixteenth Reading (Joy)  
Hymn

**Were You There**

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 288

*(5) 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?*

**(Moment of Silence)**

**Please Exit the Sanctuary in Silence**

**Thank you to our readers: Melissa Kalmar, Barb Hilty, Joy Spang & Pastor Ron**

*The word “Tenebrae” comes from the Latin meaning “darkness.” The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus’ burial.*

*This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus’ death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also be sounded symbolizing the closing of Jesus’ tomb. The worshippers leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ’s death and await the coming Resurrection.*