



TENEBRAE

A Service of Shadows and Darkness

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 18, 2025 7:30 PM

Trinity Tower United Methodist Church

*Trinity Tower Church Exists to Love God
and Call People to Become His Disciples to
Make a Difference in Our World*

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

7:30PM

The service of Tenebrae is an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae service, which dates back to the earliest years of the church.

Coming from the Latin word meaning "shadows," Tenebrae depicts - through the extinguishing of candles and the dimming of lights in the sanctuary - the flight of the disciples and the approaching Crucifixion.

The readings in this service are from a translation of the Gospel of John by James H. Charlesworth, retired Professor of New Testament Language and Literature

PRELUDE "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" Sylvia Reese

GREETING

We gather tonight to remember God's amazing love for us as he gave his son to die on a cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God who redeems us from sin and death

For us and our salvation, Christ was obedient through death on a cross

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SONG OF WORSHIP "You Are My King (Amazing Grace)

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL John 18:1-14

RESPONSE "Praise You in the Storm"

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL John 18:15-27

RESPONSE "Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

John 18:28-40

RESPONSE

“Beautiful, Scandalous Night”

SHADOW OF CONVICTION

John 19:1-16

RESPONSE

“Blessed Redeemer”

SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

John 19:17-27

RESPONSE

“Lead Me to the Cross”

SHADOW OF DEATH

John 19:28-37

RESPONSE

“Were You There?”

SHADOW OF BURIAL

John 19:38-42

SENDING FORTH

May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

Please depart in silence to contemplate all that you have experienced in this time of worship.