

Good Friday March 30, 2018 10:00 a.m. **Christ have mercy.** Lord have mercy.

\*"Go to dark Gethsemane" #230 (1) "John & the shadow of desertion" (Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56) Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. \*"Go to dark Gethsemane" #230 (2) "Peter & the shadow of denial" (Matthew 26:31-35) Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. \*"In Christ alone" (insert) "Mary Magdalene & the shadow of accusation" (Matthew 26:59-67) Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. \*"O sacred head, now wounded" #239 (1-3) "Thomas & the shadow of mockery" (Mark 15:12-20) Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Choir: "Calvary" by John Carter "Mary the mother of Jesus & the shadow of death" (Luke 23:33-46) Lord, have mercy.

\*Please stand if you are able

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Today we gather to remember.

We open our hearts and minds to relive the pain and victory

## which have become for us the doorway to the eternal.

We recognise the shadows which encroach on every life, and meditate on that one moment in history when the shadows seemed to extinguish the

light.

We come in awe and in worship, for the darkness has never, and will

never,

overcome the light revealed in the life and death of Jesus Christ.

**Opening Prayer** 

\*"What wondrous love is this" #242 (1,2) "Judas & the shadow of betray" (Matthew 26:20-25)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

\*"Man of sorrows, wondrous name" #210 (1,2)

"Salome & the shadow of inner agony" (Luke 22:39-46)

Lord, have mercy.

## Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Silence

## \*"When I survey the wondrous cross" #2391 (1-4)

Invitation to Communion

\*Unison Prayer

And so, Lord Jesus, Light of the World, we come to your table,

confessing the darkness within us. We come simply because you are

## merciful,

and you have filled our hearts with light. We come to eat this bread

and to drink this wine, and to be changed.

Let your presence, which fills us through this meal,

cast out all shadows, and keep us in your light forever. Amen.

\*Behold the Lamb (insert)

Silent Departure

**Today's Service** is an adaptation of John van de Laar's "Facing the Shadows-a Tenebrae Drama". The service of Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day.

**<u>Communion</u>**: All who love Jesus and want to love him more are welcome to share in communion. Today we are practicing intinction: take a piece of break, dip it into the common cup, eat, and then return to your seat.

**Easter Sunday:** Join us this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the joy of God's victory over death and sin.

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