

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

PRELUDE *Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582* J.S. Bach

READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH Isaiah 53.1-6

CHOIR *O Come and Mourn* arr. Hal H. Hopson

O come and mourn with me a while; all ye now come to the Savior's side;
come see the One who frees us all; the Lord of Life is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Upon the cross He bears the pain; the Lord of Life is crucified.

Seven times he speaks, seven words of love; His silence too, cries out to all.
His words of love our hearts receive. The Lord of Life is crucified.

O Love of God, how shown to all. In this dread hour true strength is found;
it is with love we triumph still. The Lord of life is crucified.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26.31-46

SILENCE

HYMN (seated) *Go to Dark Gethsemane* 220
(verses 1 and 2)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26.47-56

SILENCE

HYMN (seated) *What Wondrous Love is This* 215
(verses 1 and 2)

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26.57-68

SILENCE

CHOIR *God So Loved the World* John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through Him might be saved.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26.69-75

SILENCE

HYMN (seated) *Ah, Holy Jesus* 218

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27.1-14

SILENCE

HYMN (seated) *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* 221

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27.15-31

SILENCE

CHOIR *Drop, Drop, Slow Tears* Sam Batt Owens

Drop, drop, slow tears and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, His mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see Sin but through my tears.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27.32-54

SILENCE

HYMN (seated) *Were You There* 228

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?**

Choir and Soloist continue:

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Worshippers leave in silence after the lights are raised.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Maggie Bellinger
Luke Davis
The Rev. Dr. Brian Coulter
The Rev. Sarah Crowther Dixon
The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz
The Rev. Dr. Robyn Michalove
The Rev. Dr. Josh Stewart
The Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski
Chancel Choir
Dr. Ahreum Congdon, organ
Jennifer Lucio, oboe

Tenebrae is a very special service within the Christian tradition. In a series of readings, the immediate events of the crucifixion are read in their entirety.

At the end of each reading, a candle is extinguished, making visible the growing darkness and the retreating light.

There is no benediction - no "good biding."
With the death of Jesus, the liturgy simply is finished.

Come back Sunday to celebrate Easter!

7 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden
8 a.m. Worship in the Chapel
9 a.m. Worship in the Great Hall
11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary or livestream at fpcfw.org/livestream



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GOOD FRIDAY

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Friday, April 3, 2026
7 p.m. | Sanctuary

