



Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 3, 2026 — 6:30 pm Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3

Tenebrae

The word "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness". A Tenebrae Service is a moving and emotional Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles while reflecting on and remembering the "Seven Words From The Cross"

Hymn: ***O Sacred Head Now Wounded***

O sacred head, now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown
O sacred head, what glory
What bliss till now was thine
Yet, though despised and gory
I joy to call thee mine

How art thou pale with anguish
With sore abuse and scorn
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn
They grief and bitter Passion
Were all for sinners' gain
Mine, mine was the transgression
But thine the deadly pain

Lord, be my consolation
Shield me when I must die
Remind me of the Passion
When my last hour draws nigh
These eyes, new faith receiving
From thee shall never move

For he who dies believing
Dies safely in thy love

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The Opening Response

L: Surely He has borne our grief and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity for us all.

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be evermore.

Prayer

L: Dear Father in Heaven, we thank you for letting us come together this night to recall the events which happened on Calvary that first Good Friday. Send Your Holy Spirit to enlighten us, to lead us to see and to remember always that Jesus was on the cross in our place, that He suffered so that we would not have to eternally die for our sins. Help us to love You more and more and to show our love by following Jesus' footsteps, gladly doing those things which are pleasing to You. Hear us, for we are praying in Jesus' name.

C: Amen!

Hymn: **Ah, Holy Jesus**

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That man to judge thee have in hate pretended
By foes derided, by thine own rejected
O most afflicted

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth
God intercedeth

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion
For my salvation

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Sermon — *"Jesus Goes To The Cross For The Salvation Of The World"*

Pastor David Kaiser & Pastor Ben Murray

Word 1

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

Word 2

"Today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

Word 3

"Woman, here is your son! Here is your mother!" John 19:26-27

Word 4

"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

Word 5

"I am thirsty." John 19:28

Word 6

"It is finished." John 19:30

Word 7

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46

The Draping and Exit of the Procession Cross

Special: *"Via Dolorosa"* Amy Nielsen

Closing of the Tomb

(The "strepitus" is heard, a noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake.)