

# tenebrae – the service of darkness

*Tenebrae, from the Latin meaning “Shadows”, refers to the gathering of the increasing shadows of darkness in the moments leading to our Lord's crucifixion. It is Christ's death on the cross where, as the anticipated Passover Lamb of God from Israel’s Scriptures, He becomes the final and complete sacrifice for our sins and that of the world.*



## GRACE VANCOUVER CHURCH Good Friday | April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 7:30pm

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*        - Philippians 2:5-11

### prelude welcome

### call to worship

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,  
**People: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Blessed be the name of the Lord.**  
Minister: Surely, he has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.  
**All: Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. Christ gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup, may proclaim his death until he comes.**

### hymns of lament

**O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus**  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward  
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How He loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore!

How He watches o’er His loved ones,  
Died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth,  
Watcheth o’er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
Love of every love the best!  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to Thee!

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**  
O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown;

How pale Thou art with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn,  
How does that visage languish,  
Which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered,  
Was all for sinners 'gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
Assist me with Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?

O make me Thine forever,  
And should I fainting be  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to Thee.

### confession of sin

Our Father, on this solemn occasion, we loathe our miserable estate and celebrate Your marvelous grace. Beneath the cross of Christ, we come to know that ours is the guilt, but Yours the forgiveness; ours the condemnation, but Yours the gift of justification; ours the bondage, yet Yours is the freedom of adoption and new obedience. Even the faith with which we confess our dear Savior's sacrifice was won for us by His death. Therefore, we cry out to You in sorrow for our sins and in thanksgiving for Your gift. Give us the grace, we pray, to receive again this word of the cross, which alone can refresh us, and send us out again into the world as witnesses to the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen

### private confession

### the lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

assurance of pardon: Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb Who is the great “I Am”.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.  
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,  
And through eternity I’ll sing on.

meditation | rev. Mike Hsu

the lord’s supper | congregation stands

the great thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Minister: Lift up your hearts!  
**People: We lift** them up to the Lord!  
Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks to you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting  
God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the  
company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name;  
evermore praising You and singing:

sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your  
glory are full. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

words of institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

distribution of the bread and the cup

the seven shadows

- 1. THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL. Matthew 26:20-25
- 2. THE SHADOW OF INNER AGONY. Luke 22:40-44
- 3. THE SHADOW OF LONELINESS. Matthew 26:40-45
- 4. THE SHADOW OF DESERTION. Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56
- 5. THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION. Matthew 26: 59-67
- 6. THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY. Mark 15:12-20
- 7. THE SHADOW OF DEATH. Luke 23:33-46

closing hymn

Were You There?

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?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh—sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

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?

Were you there when the stone was rolled away?  
Were you there when the stone was rolled away?  
Oh—sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when the stone was rolled away?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

postlude

depart in silence