

## *Maundy Thursday*

A Tenebrae Service of Word and Sacrament

April 18 – 7:30 PM

### *The Approach to God*

The Prelude:

“Adagio in G Minor”

Tomaso Albinoni

“Reflection on *Were You There?*”

arr. Larry Visser

The Chiming of the Hour

The Silent Processional

\*The Litany

Leader: The light has come into the world, and the world loved the darkness rather than the light.

**People: God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.**

\*The Opening Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 167

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

### *The Service of Communion*

The Welcome

The Sacrament of Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us. Even when we turned away from you, you turned your face toward us.

**We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his suffering and death opened to us the way of everlasting life.**

We praise you that you not only shared the darkness and confusion of life, you overcame it.

**The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**

The Prayer of Consecration

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray saying:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

The Words of Institution for the Bread

*(followed by the distribution of the bread)*

The Communion Anthem: “Ave verum corpus”

W. A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Translation: Hail, true Body, born of the virgin Mary; having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed. Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the trial of death. O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on us.

The Words of Institution for the Wine

*(followed by the distribution of the wine)*

The Communion Anthem:

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Robert Scholz

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

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

*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: what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

The Meditation: “Standing at a Distance, Watching”

## *The Service of Shadows*

### *The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit*

The Scripture Reading: Luke 22:39-46

The Anthem: “The Sorrows Thou Art Bearing”

J. S. Bach

*The sorrows thou art bearing, with none their burden sharing, on me they ought to fall. The torture thou art feeling, thy patient love revealing, ‘tis I that should endure it all.*

### *The Shadow of Arrest*

The Scripture Reading: Luke 22:47-53

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 161:1-2

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

### *The Shadow of Denial*

The Scripture Reading: Luke 22:54-62

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 172:1,2

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended”

### *The Shadow of Condemnation*

The Scripture Reading: Mark 15:1-15

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 170:1,2

“Man of Sorrows – What a Name”

### *The Shadow of Mockery*

The Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:27-31

The Anthem: “O Lord, Who Dares to Smite Thee”

J. S. Bach

*O Lord, who dares to smite thee, as sinful to indict thee, deride and mock thee so? Thou canst not need confession, who knowest not transgression, as we and all our children know.*

### *The Shadow of Crucifixion*

The Scripture Reading: Mark 15:21-24, 29-32

The Hymn: Lift Up Your Hearts 168:1,2

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

*(Verse 2 sung a cappella)*

### *The Shadow of Death*

The Scripture Reading: John 19:28-30

The Christ Candle Is Removed

Sue & Evan Roelofs– cross & Bible bearers  
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### *The Shadow of Burial*

The Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:57-61

The Solo: “Were You There?”

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes  
it causes me to tremble.*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes  
it causes me to tremble.*

The Time of Silent Reflection

The Anthem: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Gilbert M. Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory  
died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all  
my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ,  
my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them  
to his blood.*

*See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow  
mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns  
compose so rich a crown?*

**\*All:**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**\*The Dismissal**

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

**People: Amen.**

**\*The Silent Recessional**

**\*The People Leave in Silence**

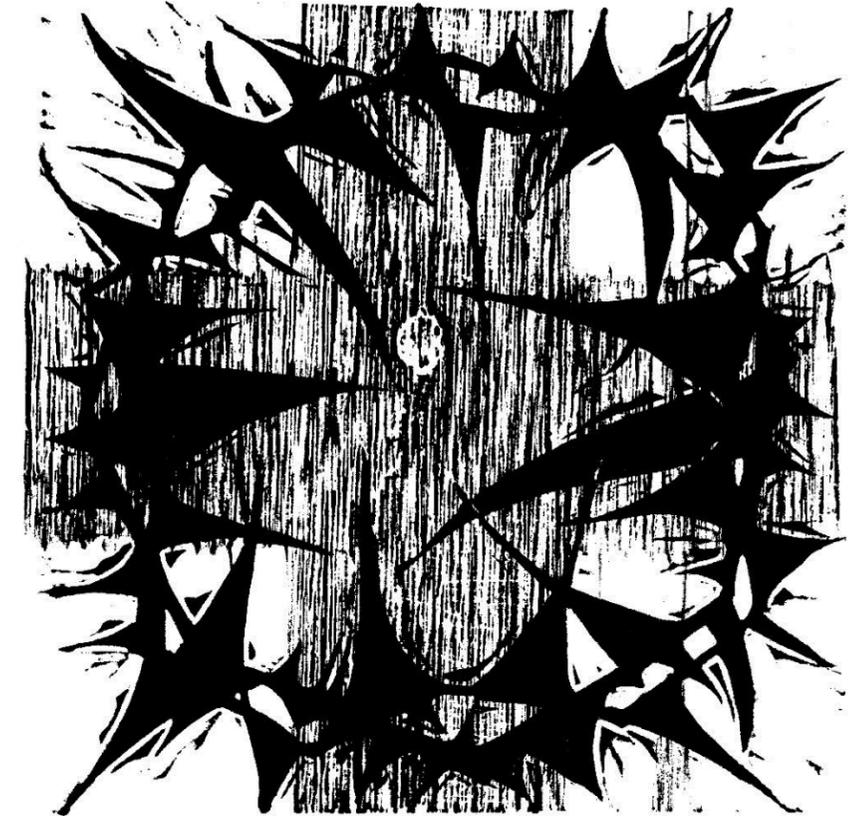
Rev. Peter Jonker – minister of preaching  
Rev. Ruth Boven, Rev. Mike Hoogeboom,  
Pastor Bob Grussing, Rev. Kristy Manion – liturgists  
Dr. Larry Visser – organist  
Calin Muresan – cellist  
Chancel Choir, Merle Mustert – director  
Debra Vogel – percussionist  
Kathryn Becksvoort – vocal soloist  
Ruby VanHaitsma– acolyte  
Cyndi Post – Christ candle bearer  
Bradley Post and James VanHekken – cross carriers

Tonight’s Service is chronological. We will walk beside Jesus as he takes the journey from the gentle light of the Thursday Passover table down into the deep darkness of Friday and the cross. For that reason, our communion will come at the beginning of the service and only after sitting at the table with Jesus will we head out to Gethsemane, to the Sanhedrin, to Pilate’s judgment hall, and then finally to Golgotha and the cross. As we journey, we will experience the darkness associated with a Tenebrae service.

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the Church since the fourth century. Originally Tenebrae was held in monasteries on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week. It was part of the matins and lauds (daily Scripture-reading and prayer services) which began at two o’clock in the morning. Later, to allow town folk to participate in these services, the monasteries scheduled the Tenebrae service during the afternoon or evening before each of these holy days.

The Tenebrae service is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s sufferings using readings, candles, and music. After each Scripture reading, a single candle is extinguished followed by an anthem or hymn. As the darkness increases, the final white candle—the Christ candle—is removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing Christ’s death and burial. Through Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Christ candle will remain in the narthex, symbolizing Jesus’ separation from his disciples. The candle will be restored at the beginning of our Easter service.

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A TENEBRAE SERVICE  
of SHADOWS

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7:30 PM

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Christian Reformed Church