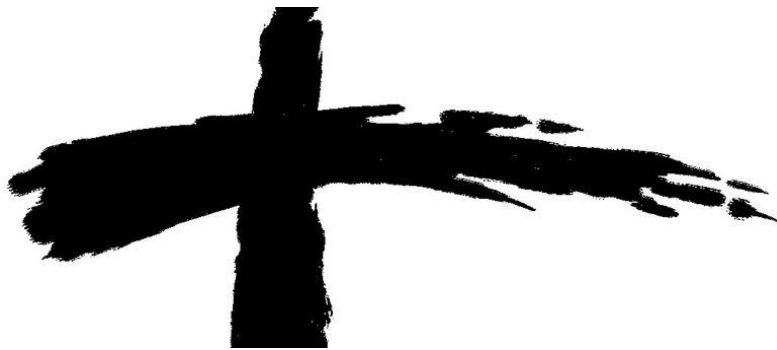


Tenebrae

The Liturgy of Shadows

Maundy Thursday

28th March 2024



Greeting

Opening prayer

God of light, God of shadow, in our time together tonight, keep us aware of your presence in the darkness and keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived a human life, and died a human death, offering himself for us, and who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

1. The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit: Luke 22:39-46

Meditation: Stay with Me (Taizé)

***Stay with me;
Remain here with me
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.***

2. The Shadow of Arrest: John 18:1-8

Meditation: Adagio in G minor – Albinoni (Cello: Yo-Yo Ma)

3. The Shadow of Denial: Matthew 26:69-75, 27:1-5

Meditation: Peter denies Jesus – John Debney (from *The Passion of the Christ*)

4. The Shadow of Accusation: Mark 15:1-15

Meditation: Psalm 22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?**

**² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.**

**³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.**

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;

they trusted and you delivered them.
⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
⁷ All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
⁸ “He trusts in the Lord,” they say,
“let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him.”
¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.
¹⁶ Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.
¹⁷ All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.
¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.
¹⁹ But you, Lord, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.
²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.
²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

5. The Shadow of Mockery: Matthew 27:27-31

Meditation: Isaiah 53 – Aaron Shust

6. The Shadow of Crucifixion: Matthew 27:32-44

Meditation: How deep the father’s love for us – Stuart Townend

***How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory***

***Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished***

***I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.***

7. The Shadow of Death: Luke 23:44-49

Dismissal

All depart in silence.