



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 2, 2021

7 pm

*Our service tonight is a Service of Tenebrae, or a “service of shadows.”
It recalls the Passover that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night that he was
betrayed and the hours following, from betrayal, through trial, up to crucifixion.*

**Bold texts are read and sung by the congregation
in prayers, songs, and responsive readings.**

Prelude

Berceuse D’Orient
Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

Alexandre Tansman
(1897-1986)

Canzonetta
Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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Introit

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
Nicholas Nelson, bass

African Spiritual

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis

Hymn

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy
Cantor Ensemble ▪ Lynn Liepold, organ

Litany of Preparation

Rev. Adam Blons

One: Giver of life, we wait with you to offer the hope that accompanies the cross to earth's harshest places. Where pain is deep and affection is denied:

All: let love break through.

One: Where justice is destroyed,

All: let sensitivity to right spring up.

One: Where hope is crucified,

All: let faith persist.

One: Where peace has no chance,

All: let passion live on.

One: Where truth is trampled underfoot,

All: let the struggle continue.

One: Where fear paralyzes,

All: let forgiveness break through.

One: Eternal God, reach into the silent shadows of our souls with the radiance of the cross. O you who are the bearer of all pain,

All: have mercy on us.

One: Giver of life,

All: have mercy on us.

One: Merciful God,

All: have mercy on us. Amen.

By Jonathan Williams

Anthem

Gnossienne No. 3
Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

Éric Satie
(1866-1925)

The Office of Tenebrae

With the choral *Responsories for the Offices of Tenebrae*
performed by the Cantor Ensemble and composed by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

First Reading

The Shadow of Betrayal
Matthew 26:20-25

Christine Ford

Silence

Second Reading

The Shadow of Desertion
Matthew 26:30-35

Aria Walburn

Response

All my friends will forsake me

Third Reading

The Shadow of Agony
Luke 22:40-46

Lauren Wood

Silence

Fourth Reading

The Shadow of the Arrest
Mark 14:43-50

Emmett Sackett

Response

On the Mount of Olives

Fifth Reading

The Shadow of Denial
Luke 22:54-62

Michael Florey

Silence

Sixth Reading

The Shadow of Accusation
Luke 23:13-25

Matt Pokorny

Response

He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter

Seventh Reading

The Shadow of Humiliation
Mark 15:16-20

no reader?

Silence

Response

Arise, Jerusalem

Eighth Reading

The Shadow of Death
Matthew 27:45-51

Dan Nicla

Solo

Were You There?
Nicholas Nelson, bass

African-American spiritual

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 121



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good!
3. For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
4. If our love were but more sim-ple, we should rest up-on God's word;



there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
There is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
and our lives would be il - lu - mined by the pres - ence of our Lord.



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