

please read before worship-- Tenebrae Service —please read before worship

The Tenebrae Service is a tradition in the Christian Church that is used in the last days of Holy Week to impress upon the hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice.

The word "tenebrae" means darkness, and indicates the darkness which covered the earth at the time of Christ's crucifixion. This darkness is visually portrayed in the service through the gradual extinguishing of the candles and other lights in the church. The candles in today's service represent seven Psalm selections and how they point to the work of the Messiah, Jesus. They all gradually take to flight. The ensuing darkness symbolizes the growing hatred and resentment of the world against the Savior.

The large candle represents the Savior Himself. It is removed from the altar to symbolize the death of Jesus. The candle is not extinguished, but is carried out of the Church. (A little while and ye shall not see me" John 16:16.)

The congregation remains seated until the final prayers and benediction. After the Lord's Prayer, a time of silence is observed. The silence is broken by the slamming of the Bible to the altar, signifying the closing of the tomb. The benediction is spoken immediately thereafter.

After the benediction the congregation will depart in silence. The lights of the church are not turned on.

Upon completion of the service, the congregation will please leave in a manner that maintains the spirit of the worship just completed. In order that we may preserve a devotional atmosphere in the narthex also, the pastor will not greet the worshipers, as is usually done.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear, O LORD, my righteous plea;

Listen to my cry, give ear to me and hear my prayer.

I call on you, O God, for you will answer me;

Show the wonder of your great love, you who save.

(Psalm 17:1, 6,7)

OPENING PRAYER

THE CRUCIFIXION PSALM——PSALM 22

[Note: **Psalm 22** is found on page 71 in Christian Worship. A soloist will sing the Psalm and the congregation will join in with the refrain and the "Glory be to the Father" section] The clearest Biblical description of the suffering and agony Jesus endured on the cross was given over 900 years beforehand in prophecy through King David. As we share the Psalm, learn of the suffering of Jesus for our sins.

THE PSALMS PROMISED THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD SERVE US

I. HE CAME TO DO THE FATHER'S WILL-PSALM		
Hymn: # 138	"Oh, Perfect Life of Love"	
II. HE WOULD BE CRUCIFIED FOR US-PSALM 22:16-18		
Hymn: #113	"Upon the Cross Extended"	,
III. HE WOULD BE MOCKED FOR USPSALM 22:6-8		
The Offering/Gr	ades K-8th sing "The Burial"	
IV. HE WOULD BE FORSA	KEN FOR US	PSALM 22:1
Hymn: #139 v1-4	"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"	
V. HE WOULD BE THIRST	Y FOR US	PSALM 22:15-A
Hymn: # 748	"Lamb of God"	
1 Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent him from your side To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God.		

Refrain

- O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
- 2 Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned him as he died: The humble King they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain*
- 3 I was so lost; I should have died, But you have brought me to your side To be led by your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

VI. HE WOULD FINISH SALVATION FOR US-----PSALM 22:31

Hymn: #752 v1-2 "In Christ Alone"

1 In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone—who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

VII. HE WOULD DIE FOR US-

----PSALM 22:15-B

Hymn: #379 v1-3 "Amazing Grace-How Sweet the Sound"

1 Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.

2 The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

THE CLOSING LITURGY

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

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Easter Vigil Service

Easter Vigil Service Saturday, April 20th 5:00 PM Juneau Campus
Good Friday Choir Service
6:30 PM
Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 AM
Easter Breakfast

7:30-9:00 AM Easter Festival Service 9:00 AM

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