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# GOOD FRIDAY

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2, 2021 | 7 pm

Livestreamed

<https://www.firstpresportland.org/2021/holy-week-easter/>

### TENEBRAE A SERVICE OF DARKNESS

*Practiced since the medieval period, the service of Tenebrae (Latin for “shadows” or “darkness”) is a solemn observance of Jesus’ passion and death. Through scripture, music, and increasing darkness, this service allows for extended meditation on Jesus’ journey to Golgotha.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

—Adapted from Isaiah 53

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Surely, he has born our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

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

#### GATHERING PRAYER (*Unison*)

God of Flesh, and bone and sinew,  
in love you were sent to journey with us,  
and show us the most excellent way of love.  
We have betrayed him. We have denied him.  
We have abandoned, mocked, and crucified him.  
Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, our hope and strength,  
we give thanks for your Word made flesh;  
for the life that death cannot destroy,  
and for the light that darkness cannot overcome.  
Enlighten our minds and incline our hearts  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may testify to your work in a hurting world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE SHADOWS

**THE SHADOW OF DENIAL**

Mark 14:26-31

*The first candle is extinguished.*

**RESPONSE**

In a grove of olive trees underneath a darkening sky,  
Jesus warns as he foresees: Peter also will deny.  
Shadows lengthen into night. **Shadows lengthen into night.**

*Silence*

**THE SHADOW OF SORROW**

Mark 14:32-42

*The second candle is extinguished.*

**RESPONSE**

In the garden, still and deep, those he asked to watch and pray,  
heavy-lidded, fall asleep, weary from the anxious day.  
Shadows lengthen into night. **Shadows lengthen into night.**

*Silence*

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Mark 14:43-45

*The third candle is extinguished.*

RESPONSE

All too soon, the silence rends, with a crash of club and sword.  
Judas, still received as “Friend,” with a kiss betrays his Lord.  
Shadows lengthen into night. **Shadows lengthen into night.**

*Silence*

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Mark 14:46-52

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

RESPONSE

Christ’s disciples, weak with fear, fail one further, stringent test—  
so like us, with trouble near— fleeing far at his arrest.  
Shadows lengthen into night. **Shadows lengthen into night.**

*Silence*

THE SHADOW OF TRIAL

Mark 14:53—15:15

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

RESPONSE

While the web of darkness grows, Jesus suffers through his trial.  
As the herald rooster crows, Peter speaks his third denial.  
Shadows lengthen into night. **Shadows lengthen into night.**

*Silence*

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Mark 15:16-32

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

RESPONSE

Lifted high upon a cross, perfect love hangs pierced with nails.  
All creation grieves its loss, as the very sunlight fails.  
Shadows lengthen into night. **Shadows lengthen into night.**

*Silence*

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Mark 15:33-47

*The Christ candle is extinguished.*

HYMN #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*Silence*

BENEDICTION

*Let us adjourn in solitude and silence as we seek communion with Christ.*

*Musical responses from Glory to God #207, Shadows Lengthen into Night,  
with text by Mary Louise Bringle and music by Sally Ann Morris*

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Brenna Dykman, Interim Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Spencer Parks, Associate Pastor

Greg Homza, Director of Music Ministries

Dale & Bette Hess, Lectors

## **Special Easter Services!**

**Sunrise Easter Drive-in Service at Menucha at 6:30 am**

**Easter Sunday Livestreamed at 10:30 am\***

**follow this link to view the livestreamed services:**

**<https://www.firstpresportland.org/2021/holy-week-easter/>**

**\*Holy Week services available for  
rebroadcast one week following Easter.**



Graham Sutherland, Crucifixion, 1946



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