



Good Friday Service

**Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas**

Friday, March 29, 2024

7:00 pm

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

Tenebrae means shadows, and this service takes us on a journey with Jesus to the cross, as the night becomes deeper. We bring all shadowed places to meet with his, and find solace in bringing our own pain, suffering, and sorrow, and that of the world, to mingle with his own.

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Greeting

Prelude

There Jesus Hung Upon the Cross

Samuel Scheidt

Introit

When Jesus Wept

(Emmanuel Handbell Choir)

***Call to Worship** *adapted from Lamentations 1:12*

All you who pass this way

Look and see, the shadow of sin.

All you who pass this way

Look and see the weight of the world.

All you who pass this way

Look and see, the suffering of our Savior.

All you who pass this way

Look and see, the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Hymn (GTG) No. 227 (sung three times) Jesus, Remember Me

REMEMBER ME

Invitation to Confession

What if we stopped carrying all things ourselves? What if, instead, we cast our cares on the one who came to save us? Come, lay down your heavy burdens before the one who came to set us all free.

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving Christ,

when the world condemns us, when wrong is done to us, when we carry the weight of things that are too much to forgive, come alongside us in the night, and give us the grace to be forgiven and forgiving.

Lord Jesus Christ,

you know what it is to feel that God is far away. You know what it is to call

out for God's presence. Come alongside us in the night, and help us call out for God.

Suffering Savior,

in all our thirst, in all our sickness, in all our longing, in all our pain, you are there. Come alongside us in the night, and walk with us through all our suffering.

Dearest Jesus,

Even in death, you are there. When we mourn, when we are afraid, when we come to our own end, you have been there, too. Come alongside us in the night, and carry us through death to life.

(silent prayers of confession) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus does not just give forgiveness; Jesus *is* forgiveness. Jesus does not just show mercy; Jesus *is* mercy. Jesus does not just share love; Jesus *is* love. **We are held in his forgiveness, his love, and his mercy this night, and forevermore.**

Thanks be to God.

The Passion of Our Lord

Please remain seated for all hymns.

The Shadow of Betrayal

Mark 14:10-13, 16-21

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 1)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit & Arrest

Luke 22:39-48, 54

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 2)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of Denial

Luke 22:54-62

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 3)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of Accusation

Mark 15:1-15

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 4)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of Mockery

Matthew 27:27-31

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 5)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of Crucifixion

Luke 23:32-43

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verse 1)

HAMBURG

The Shadow of Death

Mark 15:33-39

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verse 2)

HAMBURG

The Shadow of Burial

John 19:38-42

The Christ candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (verses 3 & 4)

HAMBURG

(Please remain silent while the bell tolls 33 times to signify each year of Jesus' life.)

Silent Prayer and Meditation

*(You are invited to remain as long as you like in prayer and meditation,
and to depart in silence when you are ready to do so.)*

* Please rise in body or spirit.

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.

Liturgy by: Erica Schemper, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Bell Choir