



Good Friday Service

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas

Friday, April 18, 2025

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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Welcome

Prelude

Prayer

Arnold B Sherman

(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

A Litany for Good Friday

God of the long night, thank you for being a God
not just of solidarity but of deep and raw emotion.

A God who did not endure violence in silence
but who spoke and cried as your body was broken on the cross.

**Help us to understand that our memory of you
becomes more whole when we remember you alongside
the injustices with which you suffered in solidarity:
the hunger, the abuse, the loneliness of the world.**

Today let us grieve the path of the cross –

illness, violence, alienation, the degradation of the land, and all pain unspoken.

**Let us weep and rest.
Reveal yourself to us, remind us of a God who knows
the weight of oppression,
and help us to believe that truly you are with us.
That your cause is our cause –
no less than justice and liberation in life and in death. Amen.**

The Passion of Our Lord

Please remain seated for all hymns.

The Shadow of Betrayal

Mark 14:10-13, 16-21

Sheryl Taylor

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

Melissa Durkee

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 2)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of Denial

Luke 22:54-62

Elaine Hsieh

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 3)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of Accusation

Mark 15:1-15

Jim Mahon

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 4)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of Mockery

Matthew 27:27-31

Neal Morris

A candle is extinguished.

Hymn (GTG) No. 228

Were You There (verse 5)

WERE YOU THERE

The Shadow of Crucifixion

Luke 23:32-43

James Taylor

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

Rick Thompson

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

Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

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 Shemper, Cole Arthur Riley.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Handbell Choir

Readers: Sheryl Taylor, Melissa Durkee, Elaine Hsieh,
Jim Mahon, Neal Morris, James Taylor, Rick Thompson