

*Richland Center United Methodist Church
A Community of Faith
Good Friday Service: March 29, 2024*



Please silence or quiet your cell phone so we can worship and celebrate God together.

**This mark invited those who are able to please stand*

A Tenebrae Service for Good Friday
(Tenebrae is the Latin word for darkness)

An offertory is not included in today's service. If you would like to make a gift to the church, there are baskets behind the back pews for you to do so. Thank you.

We will end today's service in SILENCE and you are asked to stay quiet as you exit.

If you wish, you are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for a time of personal prayer and reflection.

PRELUDE

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PREPARATION

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, today we remember the pain and suffering of the cross, and all that Jesus was willing to endure so that we might be set free. He paid the price, offering the greatest of all sacrifices to give us the gift of eternal life.

People: Help us never to take for granted this huge gift of love on our behalf. Help us to remember the cost of it all. Forgive us for turning away and letting our focus wander from you, and for not fully recognizing what you have done through your perfect love for us.

Pastor: We open our hearts in thanksgiving that by wounds of Christ, we are healed. We are in awe of the incomparable sacrifice that sets us free. We are more than grateful that sin and death have been conquered and that your power is everlasting.

People: Almighty One, we come today to offer you our deepest and most humble gratitude. Because of the pain and sorrow of Good Friday, we have Hope, for we know what is still to come. We know that death has lost its sting. And for this we praise your name and join the unending song of your Church: Christ will die. Christ will rise. Christ will come again, making all things new.

Pastor: And so, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together the prayer of Jesus:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN

To Mock Your Reign 285

Seven Words of Darkness

1. BETRAYAL

Reader 1: Psalm 55:20-23
Reader 2: Matthew 26:6-16

2. DENIAL

Reader 2: Psalms 31:9-14
Reader 1: Luke 22:54-62

3. ALONENESS

Reader 1: Mark 14:32-41

CHORAL ANTHEM *Walk With Me*

4. ACCUSATION

Reader 2: Mark 14:55-59
Reader 1: Mark 15:1-5

5. SUFFERING

Reader 2: Matthew 26:36-39
Reader 1: Isaiah 53:1-5

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6. CRUCIFIXION

Reader 2: Matthew 27:31-43

Three Minutes of Silence for Veneration of the Cross

7. DEATH

Reader 1: Luke 23:44-46

*Please observe this time of SILENCE as you depart.
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