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TENEBRAE
SERVICE
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The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ,
from the Gospels of *Matthew* and *John*

March 21, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Silent Reflection

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Prelude

The Call to Worship

Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
Who redeems us from sin and death.
For us and for our salvation,
Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*Hymn 92

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Prayer

Merciful God, You sent Your only Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Teach us both to grieve and to be grateful on this Holy Day. Save us from hardness of heart, from indifference to suffering, and from callousness towards Your grace. We praise You for bringing Your purpose to completion in Christ's darkest hour. Look with mercy on Your family for whom our Lord was willing to be betrayed and crucified that we might see the depth and breadth of Your love. In His Holy Name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

"Ah, Holy Jesus"
The Sacred Dancers

Agony and Arrest in the Garden

Luke 22:39-53

John 18:1-12

Hymn 97

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"
Verse 1

Denied by His Own

Mark 14:53-56, 60-72

Luke 22:54-71

Mocked by Pilate and Herod

Luke 23:1-25

John 18:28-40

Hymn 97

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"
Verse 2

Mocked by the Soldiers

Mark 15:16-21

John 19:1-16b

Crucified
Matthew 27:33-44
Luke 23:27-43
John 19:18-27

Anthem "I Wonder Why"

Death on the Cross
Matthew 27:45-56
Luke 23:44-49
John 19:28-30

Silence

Anthem "Calvary's Mournful Mountain Climb"
Choir only

Burial
Mark 15:42-47

Tolling of the Bell

Silent Dismissal

After the bell has tolled, the congregation is invited
to leave the service in prayer and silence.

About *Tenebrae*

The service of *Tenebrae*, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, *Tenebrae* later came to be an important part of the worship of the medieval common folk during Holy Week. Today we join Christians of many generations and from around the world using the liturgy of *Tenebrae*.

Tenebrae is prolonged meditation on Christ's sufferings. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggest the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ's suffering through mounting darkness.

Easter – The Day of Resurrection

7:00 a.m. Community Service,
Fredericksburg United Methodist Church Yard

8:30 and 11:00 a.m., The Presbyterian Church

Thanks to the readers for this evening's service

Clifton Gibbons, Beth Rabatan, Elizabeth Rehm

Ushers: Brian and Erma Baker, Tom Edwards, Carol Johnson

Chair Lift: Tom Edwards