



**GOOD FRIDAY  
TENEBRAE  
SERVICE**

APRIL 3, 2026  
7:00 PM

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WINCHESTER, VA

# GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE: A Service of Gathering Darkness

- ☞ Thank you for silencing your phones before we begin the Worship Service.
- ☞ Before the service begins, we invite you to take a moment to quietly focus your heart and prepare your inward spirit for the worship of God.

† = All who are able, please stand.

**Bold print = All in unison.**

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

## GREETING

OPENING SCRIPTURE..... Isaiah 52:13-53:12

PRELUDE..... *Scenes From A Solemn Cross*  
By: Joseph M. Martin

CHORAL INTROIT ..... *Meditation for Good Friday* Arranged by: Michael Bedford  
Sanctuary Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The color has drained from the sky, and all is still.

**Let all creation stand and watch as Jesus willingly goes to the cross.**

May we be broken open in grief that room may be made for new life on this road with Jesus.

**Let us breathe together, children of God, as Jesus breathes no more.**

Let us worship God.

†HYMN No. 216 ..... *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

## UNISON GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

**Holy, holy, holy Jesus, we have traveled on the road with you to the foot of the cross, where we proclaim that you are God. We repent of all the ways we hang you here and turn away in shame. Give us courage to stay with you and witness your suffering as you join with all who suffer in every time and place. Melt our stubborn hearts in grief so that we may be remade in mercy and help us to learn once again the depth of your love, now and forever. Amen.**

## – THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD FOR GOOD FRIDAY –

The Plot to Kill Jesus – Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16  
Hymn No. 212 (v. 1, 2) *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Peter's Denial Foretold – Matthew 26:31-35  
Hymn No. 829 (v. 1, 2) – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane – Matthew 26:36-46  
Hymn No. 220 (v. 1, 2) *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus – Matthew 26:47-56  
Hymn No. 215 (v. 1, 2) – *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Peter's Denial of Jesus – Matthew 26:69-75  
Hymn No. 218 (v. 1, 2) *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Jesus Before Pilate – Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26  
Meditation: "On the Road to the Cross"

The Crucifixion of Jesus – Matthew 27:32-44  
Anthem: *Like a Lamb* (By: Mary Kay Beall)  
Sanctuary Choir

The Death of Jesus – Matthew 27:45-56  
Hymn No. 219 (v. 1, 2, 5) *They Crucified My Lord*

The Burial of Jesus – Matthew 27:57-61  
Anthem: *Within the Shadow of the Cross* By: Don Besig & Nancy Price  
Sanctuary Choir

#### SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

(When the pastors say the words "You have prepared a cross for your Savior," the congregation responds with the words, "**Lord, have mercy.**")

†RECESSIONAL INTERLUDE ..... *Ave Maria*

By: Vladimir Vavilov; Attr. to: Giulio Caccini (1545-1618); Arr. by: Patrick Liebergen

(During the interlude, you are invited to quietly recess outside to the lawn, following the cross bearers and the choir. We will conclude worship outside with the closing hymn. The service will continue on Easter morning.)

†CLOSING HYMN ..... *Were You There?*

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**  
**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**  
**Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**  
**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**  
**Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**  
**Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?**  
**Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**  
**Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**

†TOLLING OF THE BELL

(ALL DEPART IN SILENCE)

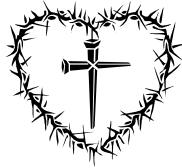
**WELCOME** to this special hour of worship, as we remember the death of Christ. May our hearts be inspired by the depth of God's passionate love, for us and for the world, as those who have journeyed and will continue to journey on the road with Jesus.

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**A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS TO:**

The Sanctuary Choir

Susan Homan ..... Music Director  
Garrett Jones ..... Organist/Pianist  
Brendan Nutry ..... Acolyte  
Shirley Tomblin ..... Beadle  
Marsha & Todd Bennett ..... Door Greeters  
Andy Homan, Judy Moody, Kevin Reed ..... Ushers  
Jim Youngblood, Jack Youngblood ..... Cross Bearers  
Laurie Carver, Alicia Campbell ..... Nursery Caregivers  
Susan Ritter, Rebekah Witt ..... Livestream  
David Witt ..... Pastor  
Tracie Martin ..... Parish Associate



Please join us this Sunday, April 5, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

- **Easter Sunrise Worship— 6:00 AM** (Pitcock Memorial Picnic Shelter)  
Please bring flowers for the cross.
- **Sunrise Breakfast – 7:00 AM** (Fellowship Hall)
- **Family Easter Event – 9:45 AM** (starts in the Fellowship Hall)
- **Resurrection Day Worship – 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM** (Sanctuary)  
Communion; One Great Hour of Sharing

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