

Struck.....Mocked.....Crucified

The Scripture - Mark 15:16-32

The Meditation

Congregational Prayer: Gracious Lord, may we not hide ourselves from what took place.

May we keep before us the image of all that you endured. And in that image may we even now see reflected the fullness of your love. Amen

Hymn 288

Rev. Everette

Bart Adams

Congregation

Were your There - Afro-American Spiritual
Stanzas One And Two

Darkness Over the Land

The Scripture - Mark 15:33-38

The Meditation

Congregational Prayer: Loving and obedient Lord, grant us courage to look on the darkness which surrounded you at the end. We know that only when we comprehend the depths of those final shadows shall we grow prepared to see the stunning brightness of the victory you died to win. Amen

Hymn 288

Rev. Everette

Jan Justice

Congregation

Were your There - Afro-American Spiritual
Stanza Five

Lingering Light

The Scripture - Mark 15:39-47

The Meditation

Congregational Prayer: O Loving and ever-faithful Lord, may we keep before us the light we have seen on the Cross. In our own times of darkness, and in our seasons of rest and joy, may we look to you. And may we know that the light which continues even now is but a glimmering sign of the brightness that shall be. Amen.

*Hymn 295

Rev. Everette

Buddy Perkins

Congregation

In the Cross of Christ I Glory - Conkey
All Stanzas

Benediction

Rev. Everette

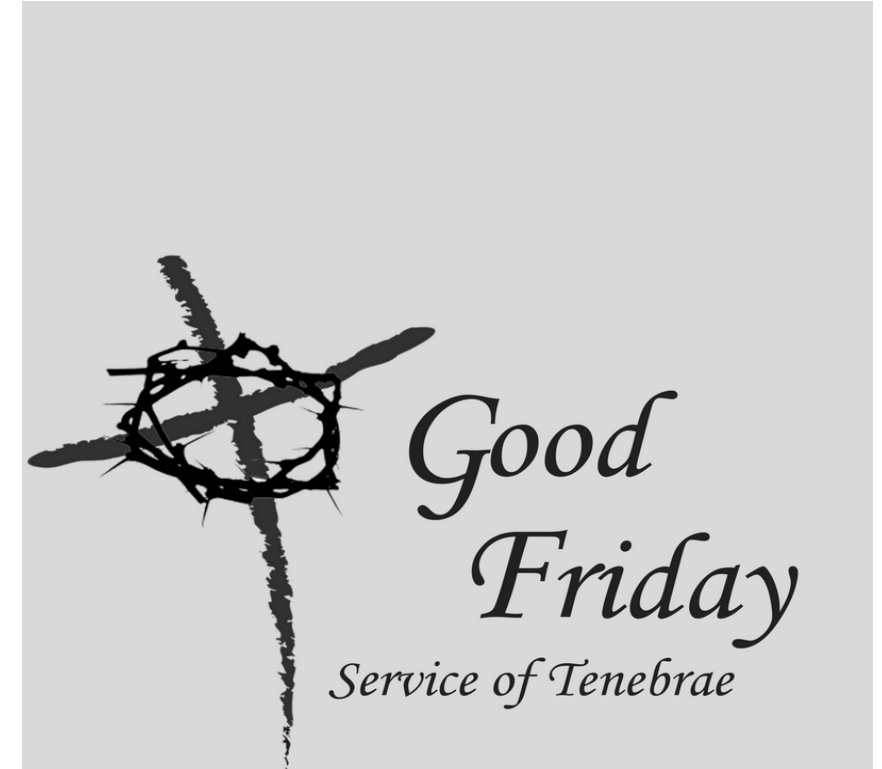
And now may you go forth knowing that light you have seen shall never depart from you.. Even in the places of deepest shadow, nothing shall put it out. May you seek, always, to walk in the warmth and goodness of that light. And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and Fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest upon you and be with you all, now and forever. **Amen**

Depart in peace. Depart in silence.

*Congregation, please stand as you are able.

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A Service of Worship for Good Friday

Please enter this Good Friday service in a spirit of reverence and quietness.

April 18, 2025 - 6:30 pm

CHIMES FOR WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. Gordon Welch

Go to Dark Gethsemane - arr. Giamanco

THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. Diane Everette/Congregation

Leader: We are invited to witness the great acts of our Savior’s love.

People: We are invited to look within ourselves and examine our lives.

Leader: We are invited to listen for the words he would speak to us.

People: We are invited to see deeply into the ways we are to follow.

Leader: Let us then seek aid for the time that lies ahead.

People: Amen

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Gracious and Loving God, by your Spirit create within us now the stillness that we need. May we look steadily upon the pictures you set before us in your word. When we see the shadows that gathered around your Son, may we have the courage to look within ourselves and see where we have helped to cast those shadows. When we catch images of the warmth and brightness of your love, may we know that, in spite of our weakness, this love shines for us all. These thing we ask so that this time of reflection may truly be a time of growing closer, deeper in our bonds with you. In the name of your Son, Our Savior, we pray. Amen

Hymn 290

Congregation

Go to Dark Gethsemane - Redhead
Stanza One

Temptation

The Scripture - Mark 14:26-42

The Mediation

Congregational Prayer: O loving Lord, save us from overconfidence. Awaken us to temptations quiet ways. May we be wise enough to see its strength and mature enough to admit our need for your help. Help us to watch and pray that we may not abandon you and the paths you have called us to. Amen

Hymn 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded - harm. Back
Stanza One

Rev. Everette
Dezirea Barber

Congregation

One Ran Away

The Scripture - Mark 14-43-52

The Meditation

Congregational Prayer: O Lord, forgive us for those times when we have wanted to stay close to you and then suddenly drawn back, turned aside, raced, exposed and weak, into other paths. Renew within us, Lord, the will to follow you wherever you go. Amen

Hymn 290

Go to Dark Gethsemane - Redhead
Stanza Two

Rev. Everette
Jon Stewart

Congregation

False Witnesses

The Scripture - Mark 14:53-65

The Meditation

Congregational Prayer: Clear our minds of distorted images of you. Save us from bearing false witness, even unintentionally. Lord Jesus, let us see you as you really are. Amen

Hymn 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Mason
Stanza One

Rev. Everette
Sandra Roe

Congregation

Tears

The Scripture - Mark 14:66-72

The Meditation

Congregational Prayer: Lord, teach us not to hide our regrets from ourselves. We surely cannot hide them from you. And when we have wronged another, when we have in some way denied you, may we listen to the hurt we feel inside . . . and may we learn. Amen

Hymn 298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Mason
Stanza Two

Rev. Everette
James McNeill

Congregation

A Crowd Stirred Up

The Scripture - Mark 15:1-15

The Meditation

Congregational Prayer: O Gracious, loving Lord, you who are the source of all goodness, may we look steadily to you. In public matters, and in our most private deeds, may we have the wisdom to seek your will. And when we have discerned that will, may we possess the courage to do it, even when many others move in a different direction. Amen

Hymn 452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee - Mason
Stanzas One, Two, And Three

Rev. Everette
Gail Lovelady

Congregation