Tenebrae (Latin for “shadows” or “darkness”) is a solemn observance of Jesus’s passion and death. Tenebrae services generally occur between Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week. The service marks Jesus’s journey to Golgotha and allows for extended meditation through proclamation of the word in scripture and sermon, as well as through music, increasing darkness, and silent reflection. At Duke Chapel we gather on the evening of Good Friday to enter into the dramatic narrative of Jesus’s betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, and to reflect on God’s sacrificial love.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the opening voluntary as a time of prayer and meditation.

Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Herzlich tut mich verlangen
(O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)

Herzliebster Jesu
(Ah, Holy Jesus)

Greeting

*Opening Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

HAMBURG

*All rise as able
Prayer of Illumination | In unison:

Almighty Father, as we hear your word tonight, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel Lesson | NT page 84 in the pew Bible.

John 19:25b–30

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Thirsty

Response

Anthem

Lamb of God

Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
patient still and lowly,
thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by thee were taken,
or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

—Nikolaus Decius (1485–1541), tr. Arthur T. Russell

The Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew

Lesson I: Jesus’s disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Matthew 26:36–46

First Candle Extinguished
Hymn | Sung by the choir

Stay with Me

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray.

—Matthew 26:38, 41, adapt.

Lesson II: Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss.

Matthew 26:47–56
_{Second Candle Extinguished}_

Hymn | Sung by all; stanzas 1–3

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme I will sing.

Lesson III: Jesus stands trial before the Sanhedrin.

Matthew 26:57–68
_{Third Candle Extinguished}_

Jacques Berthier (1923–1994)
Ah, Holy Jesus

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!
’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Lesson IV: Peter denies Jesus three times.

Matthew 26:69–75
Fourth Candle Extinguished

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.
How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners’ gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

Lesson V: Jesus and Barabbas before Pilate.

Matthew 27:15–26
Fifth Candle Extinguished

Hymn | Sung by the choir

Calvary (Ev’ry Time I Think About Jesus)  Black spiritual

Calvary, Calvary...
surely he died on Calvary.

Ev’ry time I think about Jesus,
surely he died on Calvary.

Don’t you hear the hammer ringing?
Surely he died on Calvary.

Sinner, do you love my Jesus?
Surely he died on Calvary.

Lesson VI: The soldiers mock Jesus.
Matthew 27:27–44

Sixth Candle Extinguished

Hymn | Sung by all; stanzas 1–3

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 nailed him to the tree?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Lesson VII: The death of Jesus.

Matthew 27:45–50

Christ Candle Extinguished

Carillon | The carillon’s lowest bell tolls 33 times, signifying each year of Christ’s life.

Lesson VIII: Surely he was the Son of God.

Matthew 27:51–54

Silence | The end of the service is signified by the illumination of the draped cross. Please remain seated until the side aisles are lighted to facilitate leaving. Silence is observed throughout the sanctuary from this time forward. All are welcome to pray and meditate as long as desired. If you would like to receive anointing with oil and prayers for healing, a minister will be in the Memorial Chapel after the worship service.
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