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 prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

Organ Prelude

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (two settings) Johannes Brahms
(O World, I Must Leave Thee)
(1833–1897)

Herzliebster Jesu
(Ah, Holy Jesus)

Greeting

*Opening Hymn 292

What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

Prayer for Illumination

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.

Scripture Lesson | NT page 84 in the pew Bibles


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Criminal Christ

Anthem

O vos omnes Pablo Casals
(1876-1973)

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam:
attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.
O all ye that pass by the way,
attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.
— Lamentations 1:12

* All who are able may stand
The Passion of Our Lord

Lesson I | Jesus’ disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane
Matthew 26:36–46
First Candle Extinguished
Response Hymn 290 | Stanza 1
Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD 76

Lesson II | Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss
Matthew 26:47–56
Second Candle Extinguished
Response Hymn 285 | All stanzas
To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord KINGSFOLD

Lesson III | Jesus before the Sanhedrin
Matthew 26:57–68
Third Candle Extinguished
Response Hymn 299 | Stanza 3
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ROCKINGHAM

Lesson IV | Peter’s denial
Matthew 26:69–75
Fourth Candle Extinguished
Response Hymn 289 | Stanzas 1 and 2
Ah, Holy Jesus HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Lesson V | Jesus before Pilate
Matthew 27:15–26
Fifth Candle Extinguished
Response Hymn 286 | All stanzas
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

Lesson VI | The soldiers mock Jesus
Matthew 27:27–44
Sixth Candle Extinguished
Response Hymn 288 | Stanzas 1 and 2
Were You There WERE YOU THERE

Lesson VII | The death of Jesus
Matthew 27:45–50
Christ Candle Extinguished. (Silence will be observed while the bell tolls 33 times to signify each year of Jesus’ 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 in silence until the side aisles are lighted to facilitate leaving. Silence is observed throughout the sanctuary from this time forward. Each person is encouraged to pray and meditate as long as he or she desires. 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.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

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PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery .................................................Dean of Duke Chapel

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Ms. Cassandra Appiah-Ofori.................................Chapel Scholar, Trinity '19
Ms. Kerry Castor ..................................................Duke Wesley Fellowship, Chapel Scholar, Pratt '20
Ms. Lynn Holmes ..................Congregation at Duke Chapel Divinity Intern, Divinity '19
Mr. Daniel LaVenture ..............................................Divinity '19
Dr. Xi Lian ........................................ Professor of World Christianity, Duke Divinity School
Mr. Tarvick Linder ................................................ Divinity '20
Mr. Andrew Raines ........................................Chapel Scholar, Trinity '21
Ms. Joyce Zhao ..........................................................Trinity '19

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Duke University Chapel Choir.................................Choir
Dr. Philip Cave..................................................Associate Conductor of Chapel Music
Dr. Robert Parkins ........................................University Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ......................................Chapel Organist

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