

Ecumenical Good Friday Service

April 19, 2019, 7:00 PM
at First Presbyterian Church of Monroe



Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows

The word “Tenebrae” means darkness or shadows. This type of worship service was begun in monastic communities, but today is used in various denominations throughout the world.

The service is a prolonged meditation on the suffering of Christ on the day of his death. Our readings, meditations, and songs will trace the story of Christ’s passion. As the lights are extinguished, we remember the depth of Christ’s suffering and the universe-defining story of His sacrifice.

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**We invite all who are able to stand where there is an asterisk.*

PRELUDE

Instrumental

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation who consoles us in our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are afflicted in the power of the Holy Spirit.

For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

*OPENING HYMN #215 “What Wondrous Love is This”

CONFESSION (In unison)

Rev. David Hively

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: “Then neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more”.

He says it to us. He says it now.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that our sins are forgiven.

We praise and thank you, Lord Jesus Christ!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jessica Martell

Prayers for a Privileged People (by Walter Brueggemann)

SCRIPTURE READING —Matthew 26:6-13

Elizabeth Rosas

MEDITATION

Rev. Kevin Eccles

OFFERING—To champion the ministry of GodWorks! Soup Kitchen

CHORAL ANTHEM

“God So Loved the World”
Combined Choirs

John Stainer

PRAYER MEDITATION

Rev. Melanie M. Eccles
Shock Me with Terrible Goodness (by Rev. Ted Loder in *Guerrillas of Grace*)

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-25

Rev. Eric Tucker

HYMN #218 “Ah, Holy Jesus”

THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF SPIRIT AND ARREST

Matthew 26:36-50

Rev. Mark Blake

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Matthew 26:69-75

Rev. Heather Boone

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Minister Cathy Maxwell

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”
Combined Choirs

Twila Paris

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION AND HUMILIATION

Matthew 27:31-43

Lorie Bronson

HYMN #228 “Were You There”

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Matthew 27:45-54

Rev. Katie Waggoner

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

Matthew 27:57-60

Julie Vieira, IHM

*HYMN #224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*DISMISSAL

Rev. Dean McGormley

Jesus Christ became obedient unto death on a cross for our sake. May he keep us
and strengthen us.

Amen.

*The people leave in silence.



Participating Ministers + Laity

Rev. Mark Blake, Monroe Alliance Church

Rev. Heather Boone, Oaks of Righteousness

Lorie Bronson, Pastoral Minister at St. Mary's Catholic Church

Rev. Kevin Eccles, Free Methodist Church of Monroe

Rev. Melanie Eccles, Free Methodist Church of Monroe

Rev. David Hively, Christ Lutheran Church

Jessica Martell, Frenchtown Missionary Baptist

Minister Cathy Maxwell, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Rev. Dean McGormley, First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

Rev. Dr. Ellen McGormley, First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

Elizabeth Rosas, Free Methodist Church of Monroe

Rev. Eric Tucker, Chaplain at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital

Julie Vieira, IHM, Director of IHM Spirituality Centers

Rev. Katie Waggoner, First United Methodist Church of Monroe

Ministers of Music

Robert Edwards, First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

Cate Windelborn, Christ Lutheran Church of Monroe

Combined Choirs

This consists of singers from the choirs of Christ Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Free Methodist Church of Monroe, First United Methodist Church of Monroe, Frenchtown Missionary Baptist, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Monroe Alliance Church, Oaks of Righteousness, and St. Mary's Catholic Church

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34



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@ 7:00PM doors open at 6:30

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