

**Good Friday
April 14, 2017**

FACING THE SHADOWS – A TENEBRAE DRAMA

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P: Tonight we use the Tenebrae Service in a slightly modified way. Each shadow or shade of darkness is named and addressed by a Biblical Character. What may surprise us all is the recognition that these shadows have covered us. Each character will end his or her monologue with the following response:

L: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

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**MONOLOGUE: The Shadow of Betrayal – Judas
(Based on Mt.26:20-25)**

Response: Lord, have mercy... Christ, have mercy...

✘ Judas extinguishes the first candle. ✘

HYMN “In the Hour of Trial” (vs. 1 – 106 LBW)

**In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,
Lest by base denial I depart from Thee.
When Thou seest me waver, with a look recall;
Nor from fear or favor Suffer me to fall.**

MONOLOGUE: The Shadow of Inner Agony – Salome
(The Mother of James and John)
(Based on Lk.22:39-46)

Response: Lord, have mercy... Christ, have mercy

✘ Salome extinguishes the second candle. ✘

HYMN “In the Hour of Trial” (vs. 3 – 106 LBW)

**Should Thy mercy send me Sorrow, toil, and woe,
Or should pain attend me On my path below,
Grant that I may never Fail Thy hand to see;
Grant that I may ever Cast my care on Thee.**

MONOLOGUE: The Shadow of Desertion – John
(Based on Mt.26:47-50;55-56)

Response: Lord, have mercy... Christ, have mercy

✘ John extinguishes the third candle. ✘

HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (vs. 1 - 107 LBW)

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat And burdens of the day.**

MONOLOGUE: The Shadow of Denial – Peter
(Based on Mt.26:31-35)

Response: Lord, have mercy... Christ, have mercy

✘ Peter extinguishes the fourth candle. ✘

HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (vs. 2 - 107 LBW)

**Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of His glorious love And my unworthiness.**

MONOLOGUE: The Shadow of Accusation – Mary Magdalene
(Based on Mt.26:59-67)

Response: Lord, have mercy... Christ, have mercy

✘ Mary Magdalene extinguishes the fifth candle. ✘

HYMN “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (vs. 1 - 107 LBW)

**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, tho’ despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

MONOLOGUE: The Shadow of Mockery – Thomas
(Based on Mk.15:12-20)

Response: Lord, have mercy... Christ, have mercy... Lord, have mercy.

✠ Thomas extinguishes the sixth candle. ✠

HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (vs. 2 – 172 TLH)

**Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee, Thou noble countenance,
Tho’ mighty worlds shall fear Thee And flee before Thy glance.
How art Thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish That once was bright as morn!**

MONOLOGUE: The Shadow of Death – Mary, the Mother of Jesus
(Based on Lk.23:33-46)

Response: Lord, have mercy... Christ, have mercy... Lord, have mercy.

✠ Mary extinguishes the seventh candle. ✠

HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (vs. 6 – 172 TLH)

**Here will I stand beside Thee, From Thee I will not part;
O Savior, do not chide me! When breaks Thy loving heart.
When soul and body languish In death’s cold, cruel grasp,
Then, in Thy deepest anguish, Thee in mine arms I’ll clasp.**

A moment of silence is observed in the darkness.

✠ Mary, the Mother of Jesus relights the central candle. ✠

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The congregation leaves in silence.