



## **Gold Hill Lutheran Church**

Butte, MT

**Good Friday, April 19, 2019**

### **A Passion Tenebrae Service**

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week. This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with the Christ candle being extinguished, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection. ([www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org))

## **A Passion Tenebrae Service based on Luke's Gospel**

Call to Worship

L: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us.

**C: He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering.**

L: Like one from whom people hide their faces, he was despised,

**C: And we valued him not; we valued him not!**

Prayer of Day: **Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born of his blood may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Passion Narrative: The Trial and Execution of Jesus, the Christ**

Jesus Prays while the Disciples Sleep

Luke 22:39-46

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: ELW #336 "Lamb of God"

Extinguishing the Candle

L: Jesus, you call us to stay awake with you.

**C: Be our light in the darkness and wake us with your mercy.**

Jesus Betrayed and Arrested

Luke 22:47-54a

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: ELW #351 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Extinguishing the Candle

L: Jesus, how often we betray you with a kiss.

**C: Be our true love and embrace us with compassion.**

### Jesus Denied

Luke 22:54b-65

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: ELW #349 “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Extinguishing the Candle

L: Jesus, even as we deny others, you call us to welcome and love one another.

**C: Be our open hearts to accept all whom you welcome.**

### Jesus on Trial

Luke 22:66-23:12

Silence for Meditation

Special Music:

Alto/Soprano Choir

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us* by Stuart Townend

Extinguishing the Candle

L: Jesus, with closed minds and spirits, we name you King and Son of God.

**C: Be our open minds and fill our spirit with faith in you.**

### Jesus Sentenced to Death

Luke 23:13-25

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: ELW #337 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Extinguishing the Candle

L: Jesus, by our shouts of “crucify,” we are pronounced guilty at your trial.

**C: Be our judge and jury, granting us the precious pardon we do not deserve.**

### Jesus Tortured and Executed

Luke 23:26-43

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: ELW #338 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Extinguishing the Candle

L: Jesus, forgive us for we know not what we do.

**C: Remember us when we come into your kingdom.**

## Jesus' Death

Luke 23:44-49

Silence for Meditation

Special Music: "Were You There?" Bill Smyers

Extinguishing the Christ Candle

L: Jesus, why have we forsaken you?

**C: Truly this man was God's Son!!**

Bidding Prayer (respond to all petitions with **Amen.**)

L: ...through Christ our Lord. C: **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Reverence of the Cross

L: Behold the Life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him.**

L: We adore you, Christ Jesus, and we bless you with God's life.

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

## Jesus Entombed

Luke 23:50-53

The Tomb is Sealed  
*Please Leave in Silence*

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### Thank to this Evening's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Pastor Laurie Jungling

Readers: Peggy Graving, Dorothy Tallon,  
Heather Lynn Meeks, Paul Vang

Music Ministers: Shelly Clark & GHELC Alto/Soprano Choir

### Easter Sunday Schedule:

**April 21 - Easter Service celebrating the Resurrection**

**of Our Lord at 9:00 am**

**Easter Morning Breakfast will be served at**

**10:30 am in the Hall**