

Tenebrae: Service of Shadows

Good Friday
April 18, 2025

*An ecumenical service with Immanuel Lutheran Church, First United Methodist Church,
the United Church of Big Rapids and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*

Prelude

Prelude in F," by Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome

Call to Worship

The
people
stood
yelling,
"Crucify!"
and it breaks our hearts every time.
For Jesus' death occurs every time someone
Is ignored, mistreated, oppressed.
"Crucify!"
tears
away
at
God's
Beloved.

Unison Invocation

Holy Jesus, we are here. We stand beside your cross like Mary, your mother, and the faithful women, and we wait for your word to us. Claim us. You are her. Speak again through your Holy Spirit. For us, it is not yet finished. We are here. You are here. Holy Jesus, speak! Amen.

Hymn #92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, tune: St. Christopher

First of the Shadows

Jesus is Arrested
(Extinguish the first candle)

John 18:1-12

Hymn #97 (verses 1 & 2 only)

Go To Dark Gethsemane, tune: Redhead 76

II

Second of the Shadows

Peter denies Jesus
(Extinguish the second candle)

John 18:13-18, 25-27

Hymn #93 (verses 1 – 3 only)

Ah, Holy Jesus, tune: Herzliebster Jesu

Prayer of Reconciliation for Good Friday

Assurance of Blessing

III

Third of the Shadows

Trial of Jesus before Pilate
(Extinguish the third candle)

John 18:28-38

Community Choir

Hope of the World,

IV

Fourth of the Shadows

Jesus is Condemned to Death
(Extinguish the fourth candle)

John 18:38-19:16a

Hymn #85

What Wondrous Love Is This, tune: Wondrous Love

V

Fifth of the Shadows

From the Cross, Jesus Calls Forth Beloved Community
(Extinguish the fifth candle)

John 19:16b-27

Hymn #104

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, tune: Hamburg

Prayers of the People

Ever Present God, we are amazed that Jesus, nearing his death, reached out to comfort and empower those dearest to him. At the foot of his cross, he called his mother and his beloved disciple into a new community. Give us the grace and courage to join them there, welcoming all who struggle and grieve into this new covenant of love and grace.

For whom shall we pray, in our world, our community, our family, under the shadow of the cross?

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Creator, who is in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom/kin_dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom/kin_dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

VI

Sixth of the Shadows

Jesus Dies
(Extinguish the sixth candle)

John 19:28-30

Meditation on the Cross

Hymn #102

Were You There?, tune: Were You There

Homily

VII

Jesus is dead ... It is finished
(Extinguish the seventh candle)

Seventh of the Shadows

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

John 19:38-42

Prayerful Recess

You are invited to leave silently, into the shadows of this night.

Easter Services



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

9:00 am – Easter Sunday Service

323 South State St, Big Rapids

www.standrewsbr.com

First United Methodist Church

10:00 am – Easter Sunday Service

304 Elm St, Big Rapids

www.bigrapidsfirst.org

Immanuel Lutheran Church

9:30 am – Easter Sunday Service

726 Fuller Ave, Big Rapids

www.immanuelbr.com

The United Church

9:30 am – Easter Sunday Service

120 South State St, Big Rapids

www.unitedchurchbr.org

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Saturday, April 19 at 6:00 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter

11:30 am – Easter Sunday Service

815 Lincoln St, Cadillac

www.stmaryscadillac.org



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