



**Welcome** to our online Tenebrae, as the people of Lakebay Church gather to remember the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus of Nazareth. On this evening we remember that it was the sinful world that put Jesus to death, yet it was for love that Jesus allowed us to kill him. The reality of the night is sin and rebellion, but the focus of the night is sacrificial love and forgiveness.

**To Prepare:** Traditionally, light seven candles before we start. After each of the scriptures are read, extinguish one candle, until you find yourself in the darkness of the tomb. Alternately, light one candle, blowing it out at the end. Feel free to be creative; use lamps or flashlights if you don't have candles.

We have readers prepared for the seven scriptures. Please join in when the text invites everybody to read.



# Order of Service

## Call to Worship

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

All: *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed.

*But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done through God.*

## Prayer (all)

*Lord Jesus, on this day you suffered for our sins, carried in your body on the tree, so that we might live. May we, and all who remember this day, find new life in you, both now and in the world to come. Meet with us here as we keep tonight's vigil, and speak to our hearts as our ears hear the record of your conquering love. Amen.*

## Confession of Sin: Psalm 51

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*

*Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.*

*Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,*

*so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.*

*Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

*Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.*

*Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.*

*Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.*

*Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.*

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

*Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

*Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.*

*Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.*

*O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*

*You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.*

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

*In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.*

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

### **Song of Remembrance**

There is a fountain filled with blood  
drawn from Immanuel's veins  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood  
lose all their guilty stains  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains  
and sinners plunged beneath that flood  
lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
that fountain in his day  
and there may I, though vile as he  
wash all my sins away  
Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away  
and there may I, though vile as he  
wash all my sins away

When this poor lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue  
lies silent in the grave  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing thy power to save  
I'll sing thy power to save,  
I'll sing thy power to save  
Then in a nobler, sweeter song  
I'll sing thy power to save

### **1<sup>st</sup> Candle: Betrayal**

*Matthew 26:17-25*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Candle: Desertion**

*Psalms 22:1-8*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Candle: Denial**

*Matthew 26:69-75*

### **4<sup>th</sup> Candle: Accusation**

*Matthew 27:11-26*

### **5<sup>th</sup> Candle: Crucifixion**

*Matthew 27:27-44*

### **Song of Reflection**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
  
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?  
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?

Were you there when they laid him the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him the tomb?  
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they laid him the tomb?

### **6<sup>th</sup> Candle: Death**

*Matthew 27:45-55*

### **7<sup>th</sup> Candle: Burial**

*Luke 23:50-56*

### **Silence: The Tomb**

*Isaiah 53:1-6*

### **Dismissal with Blessing**

Go in peace.  
May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.  
Amen.



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