

*St. Paul's United Church, Edmonton*

*Good Friday April 7, 2023 at 11:00*

**Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows**

**Variation on Adagio by Samuel Barber**

**Call to Worship**

**Candle 1 is extinguished**

***How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place (Psalm 84)***

PASSION CHORALE

**Prayer**

**Candle 2 is extinguished**

***What Wondrous Love is This***     *please see over*

AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

**Scripture from Matthew 27 and Luke 23**

**The crucifixion**

**Candle 3 is extinguished**

***Jesus, Remember Me***

TAIZÉ VU148

**The death**

**Candle 4 is extinguished**

***Jesus, Remember Me***

**The burial**

**Candle 5 is extinguished**

***Jesus, Remember Me***

**The stone**

**Candle 6 is extinguished**

***Shalom, Pacem, Peace***

RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

**Prayers for**

**Persons suffering inhumane treatment**

**Candle 7 is extinguished**

***When Jesus Wept***

BILLINGS 1770 VU 146

**Persons coerced**

**Candle 8 is extinguished**

***When Jesus Wept***

**Communities subjugated**

**Candle 9 is extinguished**

***When Jesus Wept***

**Truths suppressed**

**Candle 10 is extinguished**

***When Jesus Wept***

**The valley of the shadow of death**

**Candle 11 is extinguished**

***When Jesus Wept***

**The groaning earth**

**Candle 12 is extinguished**

***When Jesus Wept***

**Silent Meditation**

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***     *verse 1*

ST CHRISTOPHER VU 135

**The Christ Candle Is Restored**

***Stay with Us through the Night***

CASSWELL VU 182

**Benediction**

Tenebrae, meaning "shadows," has been practiced by the church since medieval times. A gift from the monastic community, Tenebrae joins us with ancient and future generations in the drama of extinguishing light, candle by candle. The meditative readings, prayer, and music are enhanced by silence to echo the drama of this momentous day. Shadow, fear, and memory are powerful. The return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ Candle is both anticipation and a reminder that we are not alone. We live in God's world.

***What Wondrous Love is This***

AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of light

To shine through life and death, oh my soul, oh my soul,

To shine through life and death, oh my soul.

When I was sinking deep, sinking deep, sinking deep,

When I was sinking deep, sinking deep,

When I was sinking deep, my shadowed heart did creep:

In times of dark despair Christ was there, Christ was there;

In times of dark despair, Christ was there.

When friend or stranger cries, O my soul, O my soul!

When friend or stranger cries, O my soul!

When friend or stranger cries, Christ calls us to be there;

Our hands go out in love, hands of Christ, hands of Christ,

Our hands go out in love, O my soul.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for all,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

And through eternity I'll sing on.