



Christ Crucified (1964) by John Petts

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 3, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Words of Welcome

“It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

We are a community bound together and energized by faith, love, and commitment to Jesus Christ. And even though you may not yet share that faith, love, and commitment, you are most welcome to be with us, to belong here, to experience what we’re about. Then, if you are attracted and persuaded by what you see and hear, we hope you’ll want to set down roots here long-term. And even if you don’t, you’ll always be a friend. The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes you and thanks you for worshiping with us.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics***.

* - Please rise in body or in spirit

What is a Tenebrae Service?

A Tenebrae (Latin for shadows) Service is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Scripture readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this somber day. Traditionally, lights are extinguished after each reading.

- *Calvin Institute of Christian Worship*

About the meditations and music:

The meditations included in this evening’s service are intended to be sung over and over again as mantra-like prayer. The congregation is encouraged to worshipfully participate in them by singing along or praying the words silently.

A silent prayer to prepare your heart for this service:

Holy and living God, help me set aside the busyness of my life, and fully enter this dark wilderness. Help me to focus on you and behold the good news in the readings, symbols, music, communion, and silence. Through them, reveal again your love and salvation, the hope for the whole world. Amen.

PRELUDE “Via Doloroso”

THE CANDLES ARE LIT

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

* **A CALL TO REMEMBER** Portions come the service and from John 3:16-17

Tonight, we remember:

Jesus was anointed.

Jesus gave his last commandment:

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

Jesus was betrayed.

Jesus prayed in anguish.

Jesus was arrested.

Jesus was put on trial.

Jesus was forsaken by his friends.

Jesus was tortured.

Jesus was crucified.

Jesus died.

We remember, O Lord!

That you were pierced for our transgressions.

You suffered and died for our iniquities.

And, we also remember:

It is by this that you give us life

and bring redemption to the whole world!

For you told us,

God so loved the world that he gave his only beloved Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life.

And that God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

So, let us hear this sacred story again.

MARK 14:1-9 – JESUS IS ANOINTED AT BETHANY

MEDITATION – “Where The Word Is Ever Preached”



Where the word is ev - er preached, what she has



done for his soul_____ will be re-called for all time.

THE ALABASTER JAR

MARK 14:10-21 – JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS

MEDITATION – “The Son Of Man Will Go As It Is Written”



The Son of Man will go as it is writ - ten. But woe to



one by whom he is be - trayed! He will de - sire His moth-er nev-er




bore him. He will re - gret that he had ev - er lived. The Son of

THE MONEY BAG

JOHN 13:34-35 & LUKE 22:19-20 – THE LORD’S SUPPER

Tonight we will receive Communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). The choir will partake first, then leaders will invite you forward. If you need to remain seated, simply wave to a leader and you will be served.


MEDITATION – “I Will Lift Up”



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and call on the name of the
(I will lift) up the bread of af - flic - tion and of - fer my praise to the




Lord. _____ I will pay my vows to the Lord. my God in the
Lord. _____ I will pay my vows to the Lord. my God in the



pre - sence of God's own _____ peo - ple. I will lift
pre - sence of God's own _____ peo - ple.

MARK 14:26-31- JESUS GOES TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

MEDITATION – “My Lord, If We Must Die With You”



My Lord if we must die with you, we'll nev-er dare de - ny you. We'll



nev-er run, we'll nev-er hide, we'll nev-er dare de - ny you. My

THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK

MARK 14:32-50 – JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE AND IS ARRESTED

MEDITATION – “As He Prayed In Gethsemane”



As He prayed in Geth-sam-an-e, "Re-move this cup from me," the




dark-ness fell, the trait-or came and kissed the Son of Man.


THE SWORD

MARK 14:53-65 – JESUS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

MEDITATION – “We Heard Him Say”



We heard Him say, "I will des - troy this tem - ple made with



hands." _____ In three day's time, "an - oth - er I will build."

THE BLINDFOLD

MARK 14:66-72 – PETER DENIES JESUS

MEDITATION – “We Saw You Walking With Him”



We saw you walk - ing with Him, we saw you walk - ing.



Sure - ly, you know of Je - sus and won't de - ny Him!

THE ROOSTER

MARK 15:1-20 – PILATE HANDS JESUS OVER TO BE CRUCIFIED

Please speak the ***bold and italicized*** text aloud.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

They then went to the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for the Jews, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” They shouted back, ***“Crucify him!”*** Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, ***“Crucify him!”*** So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, ***“Hail, King of the Jews!”***

They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

MEDITATION - "Crucify Him"



Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci -



fy Him! Cru-ci - fy Him! Cru-ci - fy this King of the Jews! Cru-ci - Jews!

THE CROWN OF THORNS

MARK 15:21-32 - THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

MEDITATION - "You, They Claim, Are God's Messiah"



You, they claim, are God's Mes - si - ah.

You, they say, are Is rael's



King._____ Save your - self from cru - ci - fix - ion! Break free the



cross_____ and we'll be - lieve!_____


THE SPIKES

MARK 15:33-39 – THE DEATH OF JESUS

MEDITATION – “He Is Calling For Elijah”



He is call-ing for E - li - jah, He is call-ing for E - li - jah.



Will he come and take Him down? Will he come and take Him down?

THE LENTEN CROSS & THE HELMET

THE TOLLING OF THE 33 BELLS

Each toll represents a year of Christ’s life. As the tolls resound, we remember our life is in Christ, and our old selves also die in Christ.

ANTHEM “Were You There?” (solo)

After the anthem, please leave the sanctuary in silence.

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