

Good Friday



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UPPER TINICUM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
188 Upper Tincum Church Road
Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972

Tenebrae Service

Good Friday ~ 7:00 PM

Rev. John W. Hansen, Pastor
Corey Olver, Director of Music

THE SILENT PROCESSION

Reflect on image of the cross)

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

(No invitatory or response)

C: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

“Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Luke 23:32-38

~ Silence for Meditation ~

THE HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Hymn #117

THE SECOND READING

“Woman, here is your son, here is your mother.”

John 19:23-27

~ Silence for Meditation ~

PSALM #41

Read Responsively

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THE THIRD READING

“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23: 39-43

~ Silence for Meditation ~

THE HYMN

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Hymn #123

THE FOURTH READING

“I am thirsty.”

John 19:28-29

~ *Silence for Meditation* ~

THE HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus”

Hymn #95

THE FIFTH READING

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:45-49

~ *Silence for Meditation* ~

PSALM #86

Read Responsively

Pages 254-255

THE SIXTH READING

“It is finished.”

John 19:30a

~ *Silence for Meditation* ~

THE HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Hymn #98

THE SEVENTH READING

“Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit.”

Luke 23:44-49

~ *Silence for Meditation* ~

PSALM #88

*Read as the Paschal Candle is
removed from the church.*

The Paschal Candle is carried out, signifying Christ's death and the absence of the “Light of the World” from our midst. It is returned to remind us of God's enduring presence among us and promise of eternal life.

The Paschal Candle is returned to the church.

THE SILENT RECESSIONAL

All may pause for silent meditation or depart in silence.

Offering envelopes may be mailed to the church.



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.

This increasing darkness symbolizes Jesus' approaching death and the hopelessness of a world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The worshipers leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Community Sunrise Worship (Sky Island) 6:30 AM

Drive-In Worship (Church Parking Lot) 10:00 AM
(live streamed on facebook or watch recorded service at any time.)

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