Tenebrae Service 2020

This service is for those who are following along as they watch the DVD of the service. All Biblical passages are from the Contemporary English Version. Special thanks to Karen Unruh, El Roy Wiens, Marcia Brubaker and Delton Voth for producing and recording this service.

John 18:1-11

Hymn – 'Tis Midnight and on Olive's brow, HWB 240

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone. 'Tis midnight; in the garden now the suff'ring Savior prays alone.

'Tis midnight, and from all removed, Immanuel wrestles lone with fears. E'en that disciple whom he loved heeds not his master's grief and tears.

'Tis midnight, and for others' guilt the Man of sorrows weeps in blood. Yet he who hath in anguish knelt is not forsaken by his God.

Extinguish the first candle.

John 18:12-27

Hymn – *Before the cock crew twice*, HWB 243

Before the cock crew twice – dread hour of trial – the apostle uttered thrice his stark denial.

And then the Savior turned, on Peter gazing – A look divine, that yearned with love amazing.

Swiftly to Peter's face the shame came leaping. He had denied such grace, and went forth weeping.

Lord Jesus, look on me, your kind face turning. My soul with agony of sin is burning. The way is long, I find my weak steps falling. Return, unto my mind your grace recalling.

Oft, oft with weeping eyes I gaze to heaven; Then at your look, arise, restored, forgiven.

Extinguish the second candle.

John 18:28-40

Hymn – Go to dark Gethsemane, HWB 240

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's pow'r. Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour. Turn not from his griefs away. Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned. Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss. Learn of him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb. There, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear the cry. Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Extinguish the third candle.

John 19:1-16

Hymn – *Alone thou goest forth*, HWB 244

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord, in sacrifice to die. Is this thy sorrow naught to us who pass unheeding by?

Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord. Make us thy sorrow feel, till through our pity and our shame love answers Love's appeal.

This is earth's darkest hour, but thou dost light and life restore. Then let all praise be given thee who livest ever more! Give us compassion for thee, Lord, that as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us to thy joy and resurrection pow'r

Extinguish the fourth candle.

John 19:17-27

Piano arrangement – Near the Cross

Extinguish the fifth candle.

John 19: 28-37

Piano arrangement – O Sacred Head, now wounded

Extinguish the sixth candle.

John 19:38-42

Piano arrangement – Ah, holy Jesus

Extinguish the seventh candle.