

us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*COMMUNION HYMN #505 "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

Tenebrae

The Shadow of Betrayal	Bob Toro
HYMN #599 "Jesus, Remember Me" <i>(to be sung after each reading)</i>	
The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest	Carolyn Stevenson
The Shadow of Denial	Carolyn Gilligan
The Shadow of Accusation	Betty Hulsizer
The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation	Jim Krutzler
The Shadow of Death	Maritza Flores- Shah
The Shadow of Burial	Rev. Jeremy Campbell

HYMN #98 "O Scared Head, Now Wounded"

Removal of the Christ Candle

Tolling of the Bell

The bell will toll 33 times, representing Jesus' years of life on earth.

Return of the Christ Candle

Following a time of silent reflection and prayer, worshipers may leave the sanctuary in silence.

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Tenebrae begins the Three Days (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. When we also celebrate the Lord's Supper, we remember the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death.

Historically, this was the traditional day in which those who had undergone a period of public penance under church discipline would be restored to full communion.

The final act of this service is the evocative stripping of the worship space. This is most effectively done in absolute silence, and in an unhurried, orderly fashion.

The visual aspect of the transformed worship space gives people a dramatic depiction of Christ's desolation. The church remains bare until the Easter Vigil when the process is reversed, and the worship space is "dressed" again.

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