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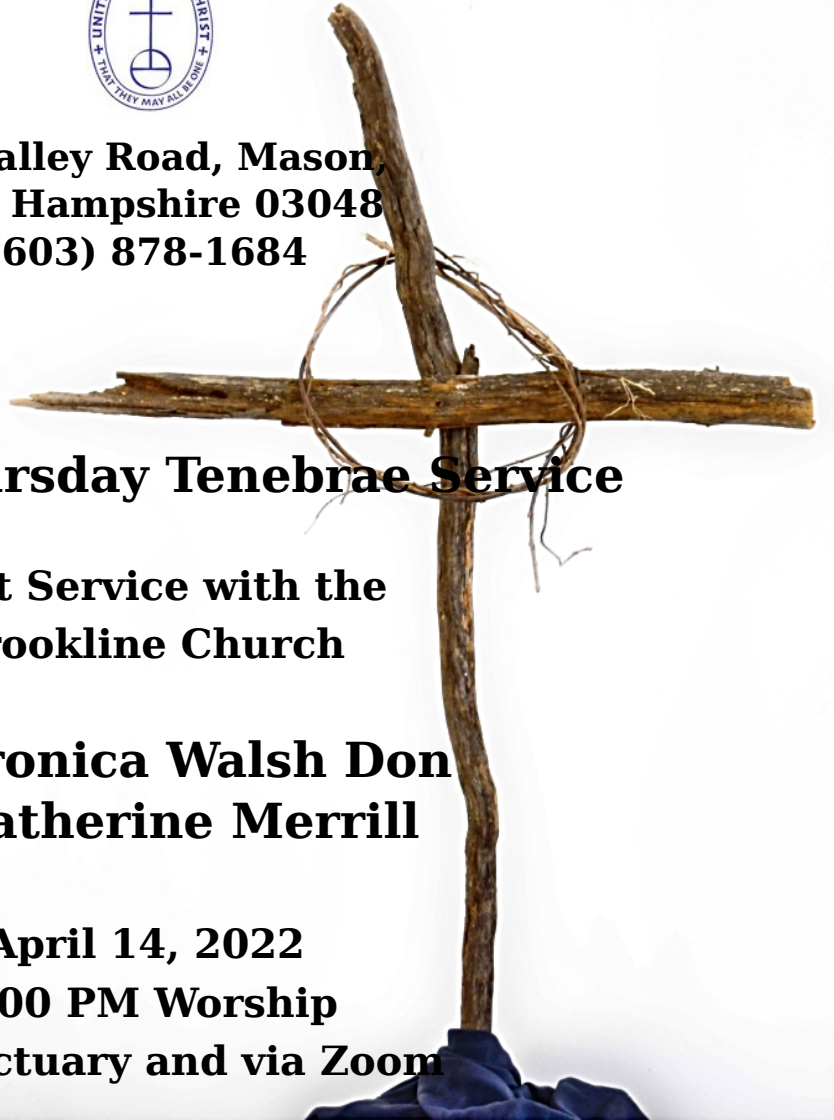
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Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

**Joint Service with the
Brookline Church**

**Rev. Veronica Walsh Don
Rev. Catherine Merrill**

**April 14, 2022
7:00 PM Worship
in Sanctuary and via Zoom**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Veronica: Come to this place set apart to pray. God meets us here.
Pastor Catherine: How will God be revealed to us on this day?
Pastor Veronica: Come if you are weary and discouraged. God will not desert you.
Pastor Catherine: Does God hear the cries of the sorrowful?
Pastor Veronica: God grieves with us and watches with us here.
Pastor Catherine: Can God's promise of new life be realized when Truth and Love are crucified?

REFLECTION

Pastor Veronica: Jesus walked this earth. He practiced a ministry of radical inclusivity. He drew into his care all the rejected and disregarded members of society. He lived a life of justice, love, compassion. God, Jesus lived a life acceptable to you. His death terrifies us. The world so clearly reveals it wants its own way. Even now our sisters and brothers are being crucified in many places. This terrifies us, O God. We realize the price the world exacts from those whose commitment is to Christ's way.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor Catherine: This evening we gather to remind ourselves of the tragic event of long ago which repeats itself today in the world. A human being, embodying God's intention for all of us, fell victim to the destructive power of empire. Even his friends did not dare challenge the heinous act. As you put yourselves into this event will you be with the oppressors or cowardly friends? Will you stand at the foot of the cross? Honesty is required. In faith realize that God knows your true heart.

In our recognition of the love embodied by the one who lived among us, we are healed and forgiven.

All: **Amen.**

***HYMN** 276 *Christ Let Us Come with You*

TENEBRAE – SERVICE OF SHADOWS

FIRST READING *The Shadow of Betrayal*

Pastor Catherine: *Matthew 26:20-25*

HYMN 589 *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee (vs 1)*

SECOND READING *The Shadow of Desertion*

Pastor Veronica: *Matthew 26:31-35*

HYMN 255 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus (all verses)*

THIRD READING *The Agony of the Soul*

Reader: *Luke 22:39-44*

HYMN 272 *Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs 1)*

FOURTH READING *The Unshared Vigil*

Reader: *Mark 14:32-41*

HYMN 272 *Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs 2,3)*

FIFTH READING *Father, the Hour is Come*

Reader: *John 17:1-6*

HYMN 261 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (all verses)*

SIXTH READING *That All May Be One*

Reader: *John 17:15-22*

HYMN 285 *Jesus, Remember Me*

SEVENTH READING *The Arrest in the Garden*

Reader: *John 18:1-5*

HYMN 283 *Were You There?*

EIGHTH READING *The Shadow of Cross*

Reader: *Mark 15:16-20*

FINAL READING *The Word of God - John 1:1-19 (paraphrased)*

Pastor Veronica: *Before the world was created, the Word already was; the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

Pastor Catherine: *The word was the source of life. And this life brought light to humanity. The Word became a human being, and filled with grace and truth, lived on the earth with us. The word was in the world. And, though God made the world through the Word, the world did not recognize the Word.*

Pastor Veronica: *Some did receive the Word. Some did believe in the Word. They became children of God.*
Light comes into the world. But people love the shadows rather than the light.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

DEPARTURE *Please leave this service in silent reflection.*

Hymn 276

Christ, Let Us Come with You

Christ, let us come with you
to the upper room
 where the feast is laid,
 to the bread and wine
 where our peace is made --
Christ, let us come with you!

Teach us your serving love:
to become as friends,
 to become as one
 that the world believe
 what your life has done --
teach us your serving love.

Jesus, forgive us all
that we use your name
 though we stand apart,
 we refuse your prayer
 to be one at heart --
Jesus, forgive us all.

Christ of the open hands,
you have brought us close
 to be loved and fed,
 you have touched our life,
 now you walk ahead --
Christ, let us come with you!

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Hymn 589

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

O master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free
Tell me Thy secret, help me hear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

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Hymn 255

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I gladly take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love,
and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, shadow,
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss:
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.

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Hymn 272

Go To Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane,
you that feel the tempter's power;
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;

O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn of Jesus Christ to die.

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Hymn 261

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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Hymn 285

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
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Hymn 283

Were You There?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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