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Notes on This Evening's Worship Service

The sanctuary hosts many items that reflect the Christian faith. In silence and shadows, symbols of the church are removed, dramatizing the abandonment and darkness of the passion of Jesus. The sanctuary remains bare. Symbolically, Christ is stripped of his power and glory and is in the hands of his captors. The elements will be restored before worship begins on Easter morning.

There is no Benediction or Postlude because the events of this night do not conclude until the Easter morning celebration of resurrection. Therefore, tonight ends in a way that is intentionally unresolved, indicating that there is more to come.

Tonight's service continues with the Vigil on Good Friday in the Brookline sanctuary from noon to 9 pm. Easter Sunrise Services are at 6:15am on Musket Mountain at the Andres Institute of Art in Brookline or at 6:30am at the hilltop at Greenville Rd in Mason. Then both Brookline and Mason will celebrate Easter Morning Worship in their own churches at 10:00 am.



Brookline Community Church

2 Main Street, PO Box 507 Brookline, NH 03033

March 29, 2018 Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm

OPENING MUSIC AND WORDS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *see insert*

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26: 20-25

Silence

Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26: 31-35

Silence

***HYMN #576 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

Silence

Agony of the Soul Luke 22: 39-44

Silence

Unshared Vigil Mark 14: 32-41

Silence

Father, the Hour Has Come John 17: 1-6

Silence

That They May Be All One John 17: 15-22

Silence

***HYMN #789 “By Christ Redeemed”**

Silence

Arrest in the Garden

John 18: 1-5

Silence

Shadow of the Cross

Mark 15: 16-20

THE PROMISE OF THE CROSS

The Word Was God Selections from John 1 and 3

THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

Reading from Psalm 22:18

*** HYMN: #218 “Were You There?” verses 1-3**

*** THE LORD’S PRAYER: Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Following the Lord’s Prayer, you are invited to leave the sanctuary quietly.

*** Please stand in body or Spirit**