

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE GUIDE

Tenebrae is derived from a Latin word for darkness. It is a traditional service of Holy Week featuring the lighting and extinguishing of candles representing Christ and his twelve Disciples. A link to our Service of Tenebrae video will be available all-day Thursday, April 9 on the homepage of our website at grandviewchristian.org. Use this guide to follow along.

What you will need:

- 12 tealights (included in the Holy Week Kit)
 - A candle lighter
 - Elements for Communion
 - A Bible (if you would like to read along)
 - A way to extinguish candles
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Opening Reading: **John 1:1-5, 14**

RESPONSIVE READING (Philippians 2:6-11, Hebrews 2:8-9)

Leader: Though he was in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of a man.

All: And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Leader: Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name

All: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Leader: In putting everything in subjection to his Son, God left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not see everything in subjection to him.

All: We see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Jesus' Ministry

Jesus Appoints the 12 Disciples: **Mark 3:13-19** (*Light your 12 candles as the passage is read*)

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles: **Luke 9:1-9**

Jesus Anticipates the End: **John 12:20-36**

Service of Holy Communion

Jesus Prepares for the Passover: **Luke 22:7-13**

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus' Flesh and Blood: **John 6:35-37, 48-57**

Communion

Service of Tenebrae

Betrayal, Desertion, Denial: **Matthew 26:30-58, 69-75** *(Extinguish the candles as the passage is read)*

Trial and Condemnation: **Matthew 27:1-2, 24-26**