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THE  
GEORGETOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

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*Friday, March 29, 2024, 7 p.m.*

Good Friday

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PRELUDE

Reflection on "Were You There?"

C. Phillips

CALL to WORSHIP

*From The Book of Common  
Worship*

Leader: Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation  
of the whole world.

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HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Passion Chorale*

OPENING PRAYER

# THE SERVICE *of* SHADOWS

THE SHADOW *of* BETRAYAL      Luke 22:1-6      pg. 88

RESPONSE      Agnus Dei      Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

THE SHADOW *of the* AGONY  
*of the* SPIRIT      Matthew 26:36-44      pg. 31

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

THE SHADOW *of* ARREST      Mark 14:43-49      pg. 53

RESPONSE      Drop, Drop, Slow Tears      Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

THE SHADOW *of* DESERTION      Mark 14:50, 66-72      pg. 53

HYMN 227      Jesus, Remember Me      *Remember Me*



THE SHADOW *of* ACCUSATION      Matthew 27:11-18, 21-23      pg. 32

RESPONSE      When In the Hour of  
Utmost Need      Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

HYMN 228

Were You There

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*Vs. 1: Soloist, Vs. 2: Choir alone, Vs. 3-5: Congregation joins in singing*

THE SHADOW of DEATH

John 19:16b-19, 25b-30

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MEDITATION

Rev. Jessica Tate

THE SHADOW of BURIAL

John 19:38-42

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ANTHEM

Carol of the Hill

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

*During the singing of the anthem, the congregation is invited to come forward to extinguish a candle on the cross located in front of the chancel.*

CHRIST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

*Silence is kept*

STREPITUS

*The thunder signifies the confusion and terror which accompanies the death of Christ and his burial.*

RINGING of the CHURCH BELL

*Our bell tolls 33 times, representing the age of Christ at his death, according to tradition.*

CHRIST CANDLE RESTORED

DISMISSAL

# *About Today's Service*

**Tenebrae Worship:** The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the medieval common folk during Holy Week. Today we join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness; through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

**Liturgists:** Rev. Meghan Brown, Rev. Jessica Tate, Tracy Davis, and Stokley Voltmer

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## **Easter Sunday**

9:00am — Worship

10:00am — Brunch Bunch

*Fellowship and light refreshments*

11:00am — Worship

*Both Easter services will take place in the sanctuary*

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