

V. Shadow of Crucifixion • Mark 15:22-32

Hymn 190 • The Power of the Cross (Stanza Two)

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your blood-stained brow.
This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the shame—we stand forgiven at the cross.

VI. Shadow of Forsakenness • Mark 15:33-36

Hymn 178 • How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

VII. Shadow of Death • Matthew 27:50-54

The Christ Candle Is Extinguished

Response • Keith Reaves, piano

Death of the Christ...Chuck Bell

A Time for Silent Reflection on God's Sacrifice for Us

Choral Response • When I Survey • arr. Marianne Forman

(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 186.)

*At this point some may wish to spend additional time in prayer.
When you are ready to leave, please leave in silence.*

Easter Schedule

8:30 a.m. Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross/Family Photographs

9:45 a.m. Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Worship



Christ with the Crown of Thorns, Dirck van Baburen, 1623

Maundy Thursday

**First Baptist Church
Rome, Georgia**

**April 2, 2026
7:00 p.m.**

This evening our worship will be solemn. Please silence electronic devices.

We request that you enter and depart the Sanctuary in silence.

“Maundy” comes from the Latin word “maundatum” or “commandment” as Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment; that you love one another.” This is the night Christ, taking the form of a servant, washed the disciples’ feet, instituted the Lord’s Supper and was betrayed.

This service includes the Office of Tenebrae or “Service of Shadows.” One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, the Christ Candle, remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ Candle is extinguished, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. The Christ Candle returns, shining brightly, on Easter morning.

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Piano Prelude • O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go... arr. Cindy Berry

Meditation • David Brooks • Dinner with Friends • Luke 22:15

Hymn of Preparation No. 642 • Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

COMMEMORATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

Worshippers should proceed to their right, row by row, to receive communion from the minister/ deacon who is at the front of their section. Please take a piece of bread (*a gluten free wafer is available upon request*) from a minister/deacon and dip it into the cup held by the other deacon/minister.

The table set before us is not the property of our church; it is the Lord's table. We invite all who call Jesus "Lord" and have followed Him in baptism to join us.

TENEBRAE—A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

David Brooks, Suzanne Reece, readers

Choral Meditation • Come to the Cross... Joseph Martin

Come to the cross. Kneel in its shadow.

Come to the lonely place where teardrops turn to grace.

Behold the dying Lamb of God. Kyrie eleison. (*Lord, have mercy.*)

Come to the cross. Rest in the promise.

Come to the shattered throne where Jesus dies alone.

Behold the wounded King of kings. Kyrie eleison.

Father forgive them.

Come to the cross. Come to the fountain.

Come to the windswept hill; the cross is waiting still.

Behold the man of Calvary. Kyrie eleison. Come to the cross.

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I. Shadow of Prediction • John 13:31-38

Hymn 491 • Wherever He Leads I'll Go (Stanza One)

"Take up thy cross and follow me," I heard the Master say.

"I gave my life to ransom thee, surrender your all today.

Wherever He leads I'll go. Wherever He leads I'll go.

Ill follow my Christ, who loves me so. Wherever He leads I'll go.

II. Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit • Mark 14:32-42

Hymn 576 • I Stand Amazed in the Presence (Stanza Two)

For me it was in the garden He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine."

He had no tears for His own grief, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

How marvelous, how wonderful and my song shall ever be.

How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me.

III. Shadow of Denial • Matthew 26:69-75

Hymn 569 • In Christ Alone (Stanza Two)

In Christ alone who took on flesh,

fullness of God in helpless babe.

This gift of love and righteousness,

scorned by the ones He came to save,

Till on that cross, as Jesus died,

the love of God was magnified,

For every sin on Him was laid;

here in the death of Christ I live.

IV. Shadow of Irresponsibility • Matthew 27:20-26 (Read responsively.)

But the chief priests and the leaders convinced the crowds to ask for Barabbas to be set free and for Jesus to be killed. Pilate asked the crowd again, "Which of these two men do you want me to set free?"

"Barabbas!"

Pilate asked them, "What am I to do with Jesus, who is called the Messiah?" They all yelled,

"Nail him to a cross!"

Pilate answered, "But what crime has he done?" They yelled even louder:

"Nail him to a cross!"

Pilate saw that there was nothing he could do and that the people were starting to riot.

So he took some water and washed his hands in front of them and said, "I won't have anything to do with killing this man. You are the ones doing it!" Everyone answered:

"We and our own families will take the blame for his death!"

Pilate set Barabbas free. Then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross.

Solo: Harry Wise • Blessed Redeemer...Avis Christiansen