



Shelter

Tenebrae 2019

*Knox Church
Durham Street Methodist Church
St Mark's Methodist Church*

Beloved in Christ:

Tenebrae (the service of the shadows) has been observed by the Christian Church from early times. The service commemorates Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper, his betrayal, trial and death. During the service the Church is gradually darkened, symbolising the extinguishing of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

The latter part of the service features the reading of the Shadow Passages. After each of the first six passages, a candle is extinguished. There is a pause and the Kyrie is said.

The Kyrie is:

Minister:	Lord have mercy
Congregation:	CHRIST HAVE MERCY
Minister:	Lord have mercy

After the "Shadow of Death" reading, and the extinguishing of the last candle, the Kyrie is not said. Since there is no benediction, the extinguishing of the final candle marks the close of the service. Feel no pressure to leave the Church immediately after the service; the ministers will not be waiting at the door. Please respect the quietness at the end of the service, and leave in silence.

This service is shared by the people of Knox Church, the people of Durham Street Methodist Church, and the people of St Mark's Methodist Church. Each church has an open table policy. You are welcome to receive communion here. Tonight we are using non-alcoholic grape juice.

It is good that you are here tonight. May God bless you as you worship.

The Service

Silence: We keep a silence in the church

Call to Prayer

A once troubled person long ago prayed:
"You have made us for yourself, O God,
and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you".

To restless hearts, Jesus said:
“Do not let your hearts be troubled”.

To restless hearts, Jesus said:
“Come unto me all who labour
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.”

To restless hearts, Jesus offered the shelter of the God who is love.

Preparing to watch and wait with Christ,
seeking shelter for our restless hearts,
let us offer our silent prayer.

Silence

Prayer

He spoke of a kingdom that was like a great tree,
giving home and shelter to the birds and animals.

He spoke of a God
who wanted to be like a mother hen,
sheltering her chicks beneath her wings.

He spoke of home,
embrace and welcome,
then opened wide his arms.

He lived,
moved,
reached out to the world
with such great love.
He was, for us, the Saviour.

We gather, O God,
in this place,
around this table,
within this light,
to give thanks for him,
to commemorate his last night with us,
and to seek shelter from the storm that brews tomorrow.

In our worship and devotion,
through his faithful love,
may this be a holy time,
wherein we are touched by his love,
healed by his grace,
made new by his sacrifice.

Silence

You have made us for yourself, O God;
and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.

**THROUGH OUR REMEMBRANCE OF JESUS,
THROUGH THE SHARING OF HIS BREAD,
THROUGH THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES,
MAY WE MEET HIM
AND KNOW HIS GRACE.**

We pray this in his sheltering name.
AMEN.

Hymn:

Tallis' Canon

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)



1. All praise be yours, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, kind Maker of all things,
beneath the shelter of your wings.
2. Forgive me, by Christ's victory won,
the ill that I this day have done,
that from the fear of sin set free,
I, ere, I sleep, at peace may be.

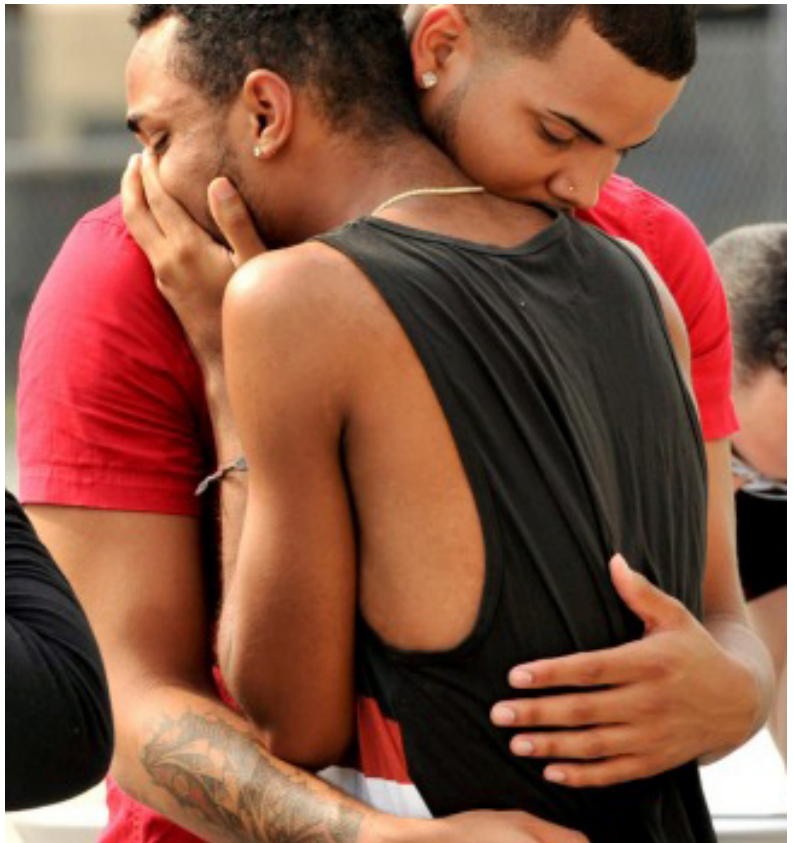
3. O let me on your love repose,
let welcome sleep my eyelids close,
sleep from whose balm new strength I take
to serve my God when I awake.
4. Praise God who gives all blessings birth;
praise God all creatures on the earth;
praise God, who makes, sustains, sets free:
one holy God in persons three.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt.

The Scripture Lesson: John 14: 1-3, 15-20

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.



Reflection: . . . until they rest in you

Without announcement, we sing

Hymn:

O Waly Waly

English traditional melody



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still ga - ther



there to ce - le - brate their ri - sen friend.

1. An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.
2. A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.
3. And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete -
sent out to serve, as he was sent.
4. No end there is! We depart in peace,
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
he will be there, as Lord and host.

Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Intercessory Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

*To the minister's words "God of waif and stray"
you are invited to respond **"ENFOLD US IN YOUR SHELTER"**.*

. . . OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.
SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL
AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THE KINGDOM,
THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

Music for Reflection: Have mercy, O Lord
Lucien Diess (1921-2007)



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer:

Holy God, this meal that we share today is the celebration of love – love that becomes visible through the life of Jesus who graced lives with healing and hope, compassion and power and whose love, life, healing and hope, compassion and power continue to permeate even now.

The Institution

On the night of his betrayal, as he sat at the dinner table with his friends, Jesus broke bread and said:

“Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Remember me each time you do this.”

After they had eaten, he took the cup, gave it to them and said:
“Drink this, it is my life poured out for you and for all.
It is the beginning of a new relationship with God.”

**GOD CAME TO US IN JESUS.
THIS SAME GOD IS PRESENT WITH US NOW.
AND GOD WILL ALWAYS BE FOR US THE GOD OF JESUS.**

Now that the hour is come . . .

The Invitation

The Distribution

*Please come forward to the table, receive some bread, dip it in the grape juice,
and, once you have finished, return to your seat.*

A Time of Silence

And when they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

[Matt 26:30, Mark 14:26]

Without announcement, we sing

Hymn:

Love Unknown

John Nicholson Ireland (1879-1962)



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| 1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I
that for my sake
my God should take
frail flesh, and die? | 3. In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heaven was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay. |
| 2. God left the richest throne
salvation to bestow:
but Christ as flesh and blood
the world refused to know.
But O my friend!
my friend indeed,
who at my need
did life expend. | 4. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend. |

Samuel Crossman (1624-1684), alt.

Into the Shadows

The Shadow of Betrayal - read by Valerie Marshall

In the evening he sat down with the twelve disciples; and during supper he said, "I tell you this: one of you will betray me!" In great distress they exclaimed one after the other, "Can you mean me Lord?" He answered, "One who has dipped his hand into this bowl with me will betray me!" Then Judas spoke, the one who was to betray him: "Rabbi, can you mean me?" Jesus replied, "The words are yours."

(The first candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Minister: Lord have mercy

The Shadow of Inner Agony - read by Len Pierce

Then he went out and made this way as usual to the Mount of Olives, accompanied by his disciples. When he reached the place he said to them, "Pray that you may be spared the hour of testing." He himself withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down and began to pray: "Father, if it be thy will, take this cup away from me. Yet not my will, but thine be done." In anguish of spirit he prayed the more urgently; and his sweat was like clots of blood falling to the ground.

(The second candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

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The Shadow of Loneliness - read by Kath Wright

He came to the disciples and found them asleep; and he said to Peter "So could none of you stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak." He went away a second time and prayed "Father, if this cannot pass unless I

drink it, your will be done.” He came again and found them asleep, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, using the same words as before.

(The third candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

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The Shadow of Desertion - *read by Ian Bassett*

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, appeared; with him was a great crowd armed with swords and cudgels, sent by the chief priests and elders of the nation. The traitor gave them this sign. “The one I kiss is your man; seize him.” And stepping forward at once he said “Hail Rabbi,” and kissed him. Jesus replied “Friend do what you are here to do.” They came forward, seized Jesus, and held him fast.

(The fourth candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

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The Shadow of Accusation - *read by Jenni McLachlan*

The chief priests and the whole council tried to find some allegation against Jesus on which a death sentence could be based; but they failed to find one, though many came forward with false evidence. Finally, two men alleged that he had said “I can pull down the temple of God, and rebuild it in three days.” At this the High Priest rose and said to him, “Have you no answer to the charge that these witnesses bring against you?” But Jesus kept silence.

(The fifth candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

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The Shadow of Mockery - *read by Graeme Downie*

Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what shall I do with the man you call King of the Jews?” For he knew it was out of malice that they had brought Jesus before him. But the chief priests incited the crowd to ask him to release Barabbus

rather than Jesus. Pilate spoke to them again: "Then what shall I do with the man you call King of the Jews?" They shouted back "Crucify him." "Why, what harm has he done?" Pilate asked; but they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, in his desire to satisfy the mob, released Barabbas to them; and then he had Jesus flogged and handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers took him inside the courtyard and dressed him in purple, and plaiting a crown of thorns, placed it on his head. Then they began to salute him with "Hail , King of the Jews!"

(The sixth candle is blown out)

Minister: Lord have mercy

Congregation: **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

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The Shadow of Death - *read by Anita Hickling*

When they reached the place of the Skull, they crucified him there, and the criminals with him, one on his right and the other on the left. Jesus said "Father forgive them; they know not what they do."

They divided his clothes among them by casting lots. The people stood looking on, and their rulers jeered at him: "He saved others; now let him save himself, if this is God's Messiah, his chosen." The soldiers joined in the mockery and came forward offering him their sour wine. "If you are the King of the Jews," they said, "save yourself." There was an inscription above his head which ran "This is the king of the Jews."

By now it was about noon, and a darkness fell over the whole land, which lasted until three o'clock: the sun's light had failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus gave a loud cry and said "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit"; and with these words he died. The centurion saw it all, and gave praise to God. "Beyond all doubt," he said, "this man was innocent."

(The last candle is blown out)

No Benediction