



# river west church

Good Friday  
Tenebrae Service  
4.22.2011

Welcome to our Good Friday “Tenebrae” Service. A Tenebrae Service is a “Service of Darkness”. We are going to focus on the extravagant love that God has shown us; a love that took Jesus Christ to Calvary’s cross and into death itself. Tonight, we will participate in seven “shadows”. Each shadow represents an aspect of the passion of Jesus Christ. There will be scripture, reflection, and a song of response. Each shadow will conclude with a candle being extinguished. By the end of the service, the sanctuary will be completely dark, symbolizing the death of Christ. Tonight will be a somber and reflective experience. We encourage you to personally connect with the suffering that Christ experienced on your behalf and in our place. When the service concludes, we will leave in silence and return on Resurrection Day to celebrate the victory of Christ over sin and death.

## Order of the Service

Welcome/Opening Comments  
Song of Preparation:            Nothing But the Blood

## 7 Shadows

### 1. The Shadow of Betrayal

Scripture:     Psalm 41:5-9  
                  Matthew 26:1-25  
Song:            Because of Your Love

### 2. The Shadow of Denial

Scripture     Zechariah 13:7  
                  Matthew 26:31;33-35  
                  Luke 22:54-62  
Song:            How Deep the Father’s Love For Us

### 3. The Shadow of Aloneness

Scripture:     Psalm 31:9-14  
                  Mark 14:32-41  
Song:            Power of the Cross

### 4. The Shadow of Accusation

Scripture:     Isaiah 53:7  
                  Mark 14:53; 55-64

Mark 15:1-15  
Song: Here Is Love

**5. The Shadow of Suffering**

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-6  
Luke 22:63-65  
Matthew 27:27-31

Song: O Sacred Head Now Wounded (Naomi special)  
Communion: Once Again

**6. The Shadow of Crucifixion**

Scripture: Psalm 22:1-2,6-8,14-18  
Matthew 27:31-43  
Song: Grace Flows Down

**7. The Shadow of Death and Burial**

Scripture: Psalm 23  
Luke 23:44-56  
Song: Nothing But the Blood & Jesus Messiah

**Dismissal**