

Welcome to Ramapo Valley Baptist Church!

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 7, 2023

Prelude

Greeting

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

People: who redeems us from sin and death.

Pastor: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Congregational Sing “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #224

Prayer of Confession (prayed in unison)

Gracious Father God, time and again we turn to the shadows of sin, and away from the light of your love. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn away from the paths of darkness and cling forever to the cross on which the Savior suffered and died for our salvation. Although unworthy, Lord, we trust in the loving death of your Son to make us new creatures through His shed blood. We thank you that Jesus died that we might live. Amen.

Darkening of the Christ Candle
Meditation

Silent

Jesus is Betrayed

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:14-16

The Arrest of Jesus

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:47-49

Congregational Sing “Beneath The Cross of Jesus” Words on Insert

*Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock, within a weary land;*

*A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.*

Darkening of the First Light

Silent Meditation

Jesus is Arrested

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:50-56

Congregational Sing

“Worthy is The Lamb”

Words on Insert

Darkening of the Second Light

Silent Meditation

Jesus is Denied

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:54-62

Congregational Sing

“Love Like This”

Words on Insert

Darkening of the Third Light

Silent Meditation

Jesus is Condemned

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:6-15

Congregational Sing

“My Faith Has Found A Resting Place”

Words on Insert

Darkening of the Fourth Light

Silent Meditation

Jesus is Mocked

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:16-20

Congregational Sing

“Were You There”

Hymn 228

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? X2
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

Darkening of the Fifth Light

Silent Meditation

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:33-46

Congregational Sing

“Were You There”

Hymn 228

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? X2

*Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?*

Darkening of the Sixth Light

Silent Meditation

Special Music

“Without His Cross”

Praise Team

Jesus is Buried

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:37-39

Congregational Sing

“Were You There”

Hymn 228

*Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? X2
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?*

Darkening of the Seventh Light

Silent Meditation

The Burial of Jesus

Scripture Reading

Mark 15:42-47

Congregational Sing

“Were You There”

Hymn 228

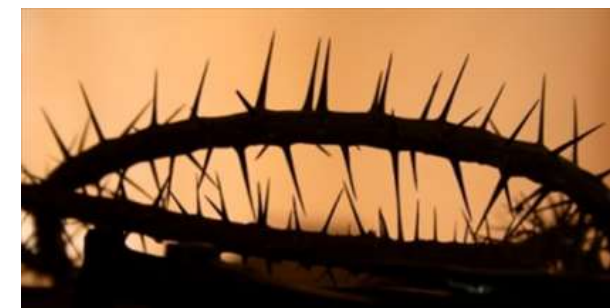
*Were you there when He rose up from the dead? X2
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when He rose up from the dead?*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Silent Meditation

Communion: Quietly at your seat, partake of communion elements. Take this time to spend some time alone with the Lord. Once you are done, then please leave the sanctuary in quietness to return in celebration on Easter Day.

The Offering Plate is located in the back of the sanctuary.



What is a Tenebrae Service?

The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, so this is not supposed to be a happy service, because the occasion is not happy.

The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.



About Ramapo Valley Baptist Church

Ramapo Valley Baptist Church is a family church. All our programs and outreach are designed for families to participate together in worship, fellowship and mission.

Worship is upbeat and exciting, and children are welcomed to share in the worship service. Preaching, teaching and programs are all aimed at making the truths of the Bible relevant in our everyday lives. Our hope is to challenge each person to show the love of Christ at home, at work, at school and in the community.

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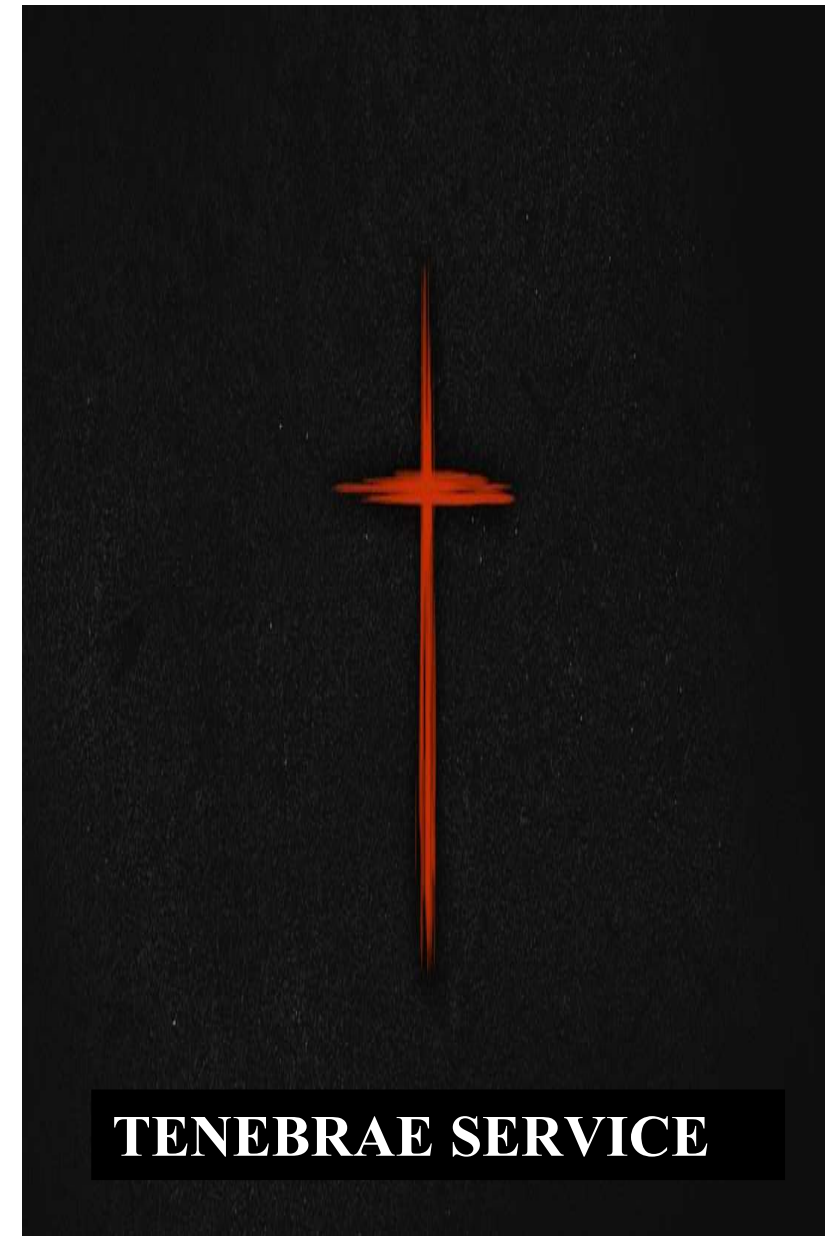


I see His Blood Upon the Rose, by Joseph Mary Plunkett

I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice – and carven by his power
Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,
His cross is every tree.



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