GOOD FRIDAY

The Service of Darkness commemorates the suffering and death of Christ, and is based on the ancient Tenebrae. Dating from the eighth century, Tenebrae was originally observed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. It represents the darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified.

The candles serve as symbols of Christ, the Light of the World. Their progressive light at Advent symbolizes the coming of the Light. Their diminishing light on Good Friday portrays the fading of the Light as Christ was dying on the cross.

Following each reading of Scripture, a different element of worship is removed. This is the "stripping of the altar"; a symbol of the barrenness Christians encounter upon the death of Jesus.

The Paschal Candle will be extinguished and will remain hidden until it is returned to the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

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MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

Pastor
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults
Associate Pastor for Students
Minister of Music
Organist
Organist Emeritus
Pastors’ Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Financial Secretary
Receptionist/Secretary
Sexton

Charles Poole
Lesley Ratcliff
Major Treadway
Tim Coker
Sheila Hess
Billy Trotter
Leslie Ward
Sam South
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Lamenais Simeon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211
THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
April 10, 2020  
Seven o'clock  

The Prelude  
“Adagio”  
Bach  

*The Silent Processional  
The Gathering and Invocation  

TENEBRAE  
The First Reading  
Major Treadway  
John 3:14-17  
Luke 23:33-34  

First candle extinguished.  
The First Meditation  
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
PASSENG CHORALE  

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ‘Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace  

The Second Reading  
Lesley Ratcliff  
John 14:1-6  

Second candle extinguished.  
The Second Meditation  
“What Wondrous Love Is This”  
WONDRS LOVE  

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!  

The Third Reading  
Charles Poole  
Luke 2:25-35  
John 19:25-27  

Third candle extinguished.  
The Third Meditation  
“What Wondrous Love Is This”  
WONDRS LOVE  

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down  
when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!  

The Fourth Reading  
Major Treadway  
Psalm 22:1-11  
Matthew 27:28-46  

Fourth candle extinguished.  
The Fourth Meditation  
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
HAMBURG  

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.  

The Fifth Reading  
Lesley Ratcliff  
Psalm 22:14-18  
John 19:28  

Fifth candle extinguished.  
The Fifth Meditation  
“Ah, Holy Jesus”  
HERZLIEBSTER JESU  

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,  
that mortal judgment has on you descended?  
By foes derided, by your own rejected,  
O most afflicted!  

The Sixth Reading  
Charles Poole  
John 17:1-5  
John 19:29-30  

Sixth candle extinguished.  
The Sixth Meditation  
“What Wondrous Love Is This”  
WONDRS LOVE  

When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down;  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!  

The Seventh Reading  
Major Treadway  
Psalm 31:1-5  
Luke 23:44-46  

Seventh candle extinguished.  
The Seventh Meditation  
“What Wondrous Love Is This”  
WONDRS LOVE  

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when I was sinking down, sinking down;  
when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!  

The Song of the Suffering Servant  
Lesley Ratcliff  
Isaiah 53:2-7  

The Organ  
“Jesus Is Nailed on the Cross”  
Dupré  
The Removal of the Paschal (Christ) Candle  

*The Silent Recessional  

*The congregation will please stand.  
(Please exit in silence.)  

The Usher  
Emma Kate Poole