

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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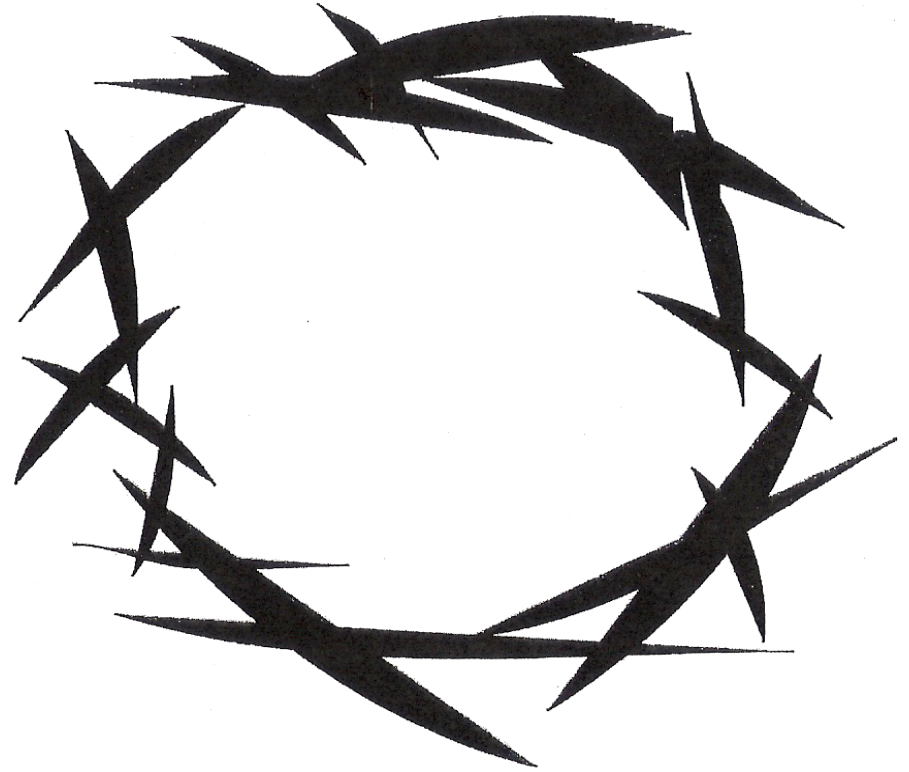
### MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

#### 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.

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults  
Interim Youth Coordinator  
Minister of Music  
Organist  
Organist Emeritus  
Office Manager  
Financial Secretary  
Receptionist/Secretary  
Sexton

Scott Dickison  
Lesley Ratcliff  
Dabbs Massey  
Tim Coker  
Sheila Hess  
Billy Trotter  
Leslie Ward  
Sam South  
Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley  
Lamenais Simeon



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*Please remember to bring flowers for the  
flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday.*

*NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Good Friday  
March 29, 2024  
Seven o'clock

The Prelude "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall" Bach

\*The Silent Processional

\*The Call to Worship Lesley Ratcliff

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**People: Who redeems us from sin and death.**

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

**People: Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: Behold, the Lamb of God who carries away the sin of the world.

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God.**

\*The Congregational Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *PASSION CHORALE*

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine;  
yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

The Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Intercessions

Scott Dickison

Let us pray to God,  
who loved the world so much as to send the Son  
to give us life.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son.  
Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet  
and to stand with those condemned to die.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes.  
Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims,  
and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus,  
was promised a place in your kingdom.  
Give pardon and hope, healing and peace  
to all who look death in the face.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Congregational Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *ST. CHRISTOPHER*

*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 noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.*

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

*Sixth candle extinguished.*

The Congregational Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *ST. CHRISTOPHER*

*Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

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

*Seventh candle extinguished.*

The Congregational Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *ST. CHRISTOPHER*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

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

The Organ "Jesus Is Nailed on the Cross" Dupre

The Removal of the Paschal (Christ) Candle Scott Dickison

\*The Silent Recessional

**\*The congregation will please stand.**

(Please exit in silence.)

### The Readers

Matt Thames  
Anna Katherine Scott  
Will Fender  
Trey Clark  
Dabbs Massey  
Marlow Ratcliff  
Stewart Boone

### The Usher

Madeleine Wylie

The Congregational Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *PASSION CHORALE*

*What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.*

The Second Reading John 14:1-6  
Luke 23:39-43

*Second candle extinguished.*

The Congregational Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" *WONDROUS 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 Luke 2:25-35  
John 19:25-27

*Third candle extinguished.*

The Congregational Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" *WONDROUS 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 Psalm 22:1-11  
Matthew 27:28-46

*Fourth candle extinguished.*

The Congregational Hymn "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.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, My God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.  
See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love, so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!*

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

*Fifth candle extinguished.*

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother  
and John his disciple to each other's care.  
Help us also to care for one another  
and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross.  
Fill our relationships,  
and those of new families today,  
with mutual care and responsibility,  
and give us a secure hope for the future.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the  
crucified Messiah.

Open the eyes of those who do not know you  
to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away.  
Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved,  
and gentleness to those who minister to them.  
Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John  
became part of your Church in Jerusalem.  
Bring into your Church today a varied company of people,  
to walk with Christ in the way of his passion.  
Lord of the Church,

**hear our prayer,  
and make us one in heart and mind  
to serve you in Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

--adapted from *Common Worship*, the Church of England

### TENEBRAE

The Congregational Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *PASSION 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 First Reading John 3:14-17  
Luke 23:33-34

*First candle extinguished.*