

TENEBRAE



St. Margaret of Scotland

Friday, April 11, 2025

Following the 7:00 PM Mass (approx. 7:45 PM)

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Responsories set to music by
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THE SERVICE OF THE TENEBRAE

The service of worship is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows”. You will experience only a small portion of Christ’s pain and suffering on the day of His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord remains. As it gets darker and darker, we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. Then, a loud noise made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of his death (Matthew 27) and His resurrection (Matthew 28:2). The hidden candle is then restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good and evil