

**Reading from Matthew 27:51-61 Christ Candle Restored!**  
The Christ candle is then restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. By this single light we all depart this service in silence.

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? (Repeat)  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

**Reading of the Song of the Suffering Servant Isaiah 53:4-9**

### DISMISSAL BLESSING

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on the cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever more. *Amen.*

**DEPART FROM THE SERVICE IN SILENCE.**

## JOIN US FOR

**Good Friday Service April 18 12:00 PM**

**Community Easter Egg Hunt**

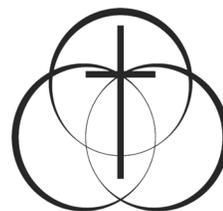
**April 19 10:30 AM**

Lillian Recreational Park

Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, Lillian Recreational Park and Area Churches.

**Easter Services April 20 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

**Easter Potluck Supper April 21 5:30 PM**



# LILLIAN METHODIST CHURCH

REACHING OUT WITH GOD'S LOVE

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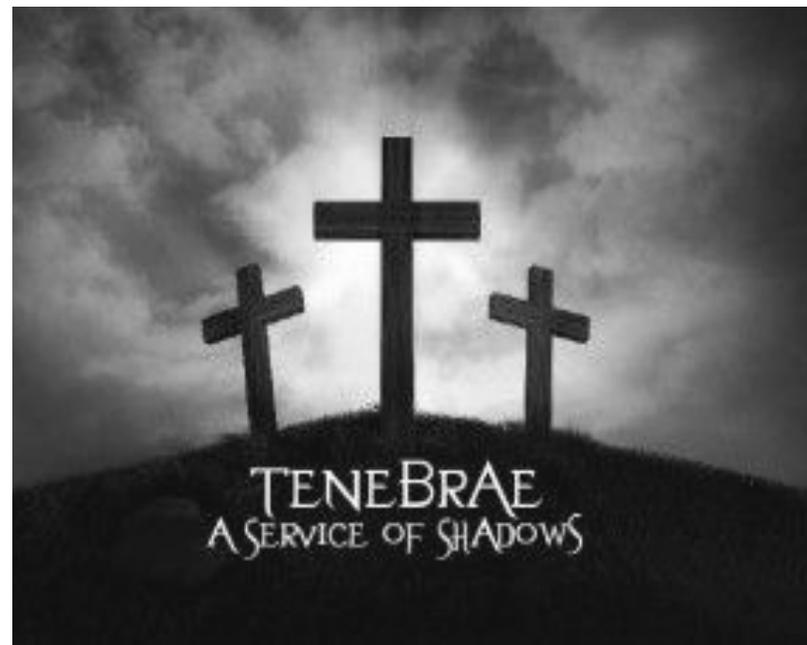
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Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." This service allows us to reflect on Christ's pain and suffering on the day of His crucifixion. There is gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains.

**PLEASE ENTER & DEPART IN SILENCE.**

**April 17, 2025 6:30 PM**

## OPENING PRAYER

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into this world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

**People: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.**

Pastor: For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

**People: Everyone that does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.

Special by Daniel & Blake

“Lamb of God”

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

**Reading from Matthew 26:1-30**

**Hymn # 245**

**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:  
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

**Reading from Matthew 26:31-46**

**1<sup>st</sup> Candle Extinguished**

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, vouch safe to me thy grace.

**Reading from Matthew 26:47-5**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Candle Extinguished**

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.

**Reading from Matthew 26:57-75**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Candle Extinguished**

**Hymn # 244**

**“O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done”**

O Love divine, what has thou done!  
The immortal God hath died for me!  
The Father's coeternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree.  
Th' immortal God for me hath died:  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

**Reading from Matthew 27:1-5**

**4<sup>th</sup> Candle Extinguished**

Is crucified for me and you, to bring us rebels back to God.  
Believe, believe the record true, ye all are bought with Jesus' blood.  
Pardon for all flows from his side: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

**Reading from Matthew 27:6-23**

**5<sup>th</sup> Candle Extinguished**

Behold him, all ye that pass by, the bleeding Prince of life and peace!  
Come, sinners, see your Savior die, and say,  
"Was ever grief like his?" Come, feel with me his blood applied:  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

**Reading from Matthew 27:24-31**

**6<sup>th</sup> Candle Extinguished**

**Hymn # 249**

**“Were You There”**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? **(Repeat)**  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

**Reading from Matthew 27:32-44**

**7<sup>th</sup> Candle Extinguished**

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? **(Repeat)**  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

**Reading from Matthew 27:45-50**

**Removal of the Christ Candle**

*A loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of His death and His resurrection. At the moment of the earthquake, the temple veil was torn apart, making the Holy of Holies exposed to public view. This represents God's change toward us with direct access to Him, no longer requiring the ceremonial acts of the priests for our forgiveness of sin.*

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? **(Repeat)**  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?