

A Service of Shadows

(This is a shortened version of a Tenebrae prayer service.)

Leader: Let us remember Jesus, who is our Light, our Hope, and our Salvation. *(Extinguish the first candle.)*

All: **Jesus, deliver us from all that is evil and unholy.**

Leader: Let us listen carefully to the Word of God.

Reader 1: *(Proclam 2 Timothy 1:9–11.)*
(Extinguish the second candle.)

Leader: Let us respond by praying together, “O Lord, save my life!”

Reader 2: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice when I called on him. *(Extinguish the third candle.)*

All: **O LORD, save my life!**

Reader 3: When evil things are around me, I call on the Name of the LORD. *(Extinguish the fourth candle.)*

All: **O LORD, save my life!**

Reader 4: God is gracious and just. He saves us from sin and death. *(Extinguish the fifth candle.)*

All: **O LORD, save my life!**

Reader 5: I will always walk with God.
(Extinguish the sixth candle.)

All: **O LORD, save my life!**

Based on Psalm 116

Leader: In silence, let us reflect on the times when we have felt God’s presence in our life. *(Pause.)* Let us now listen to the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Reader(s): *(Proclaim John 18:1–19:42.)*

Leader: Let us respond to the Passion Narrative by extinguishing our final candle.

All: **O Lord, save my life!**

Leader: Let us end our Tenebrae service by praying together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven**

