

Service of Darkness

This Service of Darkness commemorates the suffering and death of Christ, and is based on the ancient Tenebrae. Dating from the 8th century, Tenebrae was originally celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the Holy Week. It represented the darkness that fell over the earth as the Son of God was crucified.

Candles symbolize Christ, who is our Light and the Light of the World. They are used in impressive ceremonies at Christmas time to symbolize the coming of the Light. The use of candlelight in a darkened church on Good Friday dramatically portrays the fading light of the world as Christ was leaving it.

First Southern Baptist Church of Coalinga

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

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Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

First Word – Luke 23: 32 - 34

Special Music “Power of the Cross” *Iva & Don Gibbens*

First Candle Goes Out

Second Word – Luke 23: 35 - 43

Congregational Song “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Second Candle Goes Out

Third Word – John 19: 25 - 27

Special Music “At the Foot of the Cross/Ashes to Beauty”

Carolyn Glover & Ken Layman

Third Candle Goes Out

Fourth Word – Matthew 27: 45 - 46

Congregational Song “Above All”

Fourth Candle Goes Out

Fifth Word – John 19:28

Congregational Song “But For Your Grace”

Fifth Candle Goes Out

Sixth Word – John 19: 29 - 30

Special Music “He Died For Us” *Ken Layman*

Sixth Candle Goes Out

Seventh Word – Luke 23: 44 - 46

Congregational Song “Worthy is the Lamb”

Seventh Candle Remains Lit

Closing Prayer

(Silently and respectfully we will exit the sanctuary in reverence for Christ's death on the cross after the closing prayer)

Announcements

This Sunday, Easter Sunday, April 4th, Sunrise Worship Services will start at **6:30 a.m.** at Keck Park in front of the Angelican Church. This is a special time of year to remember that special day when the Lord rose from the grave and set us free from eternal death. Please come and invite others. Plan on attending Breakfast at the church following this service at 8:00 a.m., then Coffee time at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Regular Worship at 11:00 a.m., as well that day.



*“Behold the Lamb”
A Musical Presentation for Easter
This Sunday, Easter, April 4th,
at 11:00 a.m.
Please invite your friends, relatives,
neighbors and co-workers.*



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