

# Church of the Assumption



## Tenebrae: Service of Darkness

Friday, April 2, 2021 at 8:00 PM

### Entrance

*(Please stand as the Priests enter and then kneel as they kneel before the cross)*

Christus factus est

Felice Anerio

(c. 1560-1614)

*Christ was made obedient for us, even unto death, even the death of the cross.  
Therefore, God has exalted him, and given him a name which is above all other names.*

### OPENING PRAYER (All stand)

Remember your mercies, O Lord, and with your eternal protection sanctify your servants, for whom Christ your Son, by the shedding of his Blood, established the Paschal Mystery. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### Proclamation

READING

Last Supper

Rainer Maria Rilke

(1875-1926)

REFLECTION

Ave verum corpus

William Byrd

(1543-1623)

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, Which truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for humankind;  
From whose pierced side comes forth both water and blood: Be unto us the source of consolation at our last hour.  
O sweet, O holy, O Jesu, son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.*



PRAYER (All stand)

Father in heaven, your son, Jesus Christ still carries his Cross in his persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world. Make us feel the needs of all persons so that we might as readily help them as we would help Jesus himself. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

READING

Crucifixion

John 19:16b-24

REFLECTION

Were You There?

African American Spiritual

arr. by Charles W. Douglas

PRAYER (All stand)

Lord and Savior, you have told us that we too must accept the crucifixion if we are to accept the resurrection with you. Help us to rejoice in the sufferings that come with the fulfillment of our daily duties, seeing in them the royal road of the cross to resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**Response**

READING

Excerpt from a Homily

Archbishop Óscar Romero

(1917-1980)

REFLECTION

Lamb of God

German Chorale

arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1955)

PRAYER (All stand)

God of life, you showed your glory to us by sending your son to conquer the powers of death.

Call us forth from the dark tomb of sin. Break the bonds which restrain us, that we may believe and proclaim Christ, who restored us to freedom and brought us new life, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

HOMILY

ADORATION OF THE CROSS (All kneel)

Near the Cross

William H. Doane

(1832-1915)

READING

Burial Ode

Saint John of Damascus

(c. 675-749)

REFLECTION

Always Awake

John Bell

(b. 1949)

PRAYER (All stand)

O my Christ and my life, you were placed in the tomb; all the armies of angels were dazzled and glorified your divine burial. How can you die, o my life, how can you lie in a tomb? By your death, you destroyed the power of death and raised the dead from their tombs. O King and God of all, we magnify you. **AMEN.**

READING

Romanus

(6<sup>th</sup> Century)

*The remaining candle is carried out as the church is cast into darkness and chaos.*

*The candle is then returned, and with it the promise of Christ's Resurrection.*

*Please depart in silence.*

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Fr. Paul Treacy, *Pastor*

Fr. John Malone, *Pastor Emeritus*

Jane Conlin, Alissa Johnson, Les Knoke, and Rosemary Rumsey, *Readers*

Schola: Lisa Habeck, Peg Sutherland, Jackie Edwards, Aaron Humble, Samuel Green

Sharon Kleckner, *Organist*

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