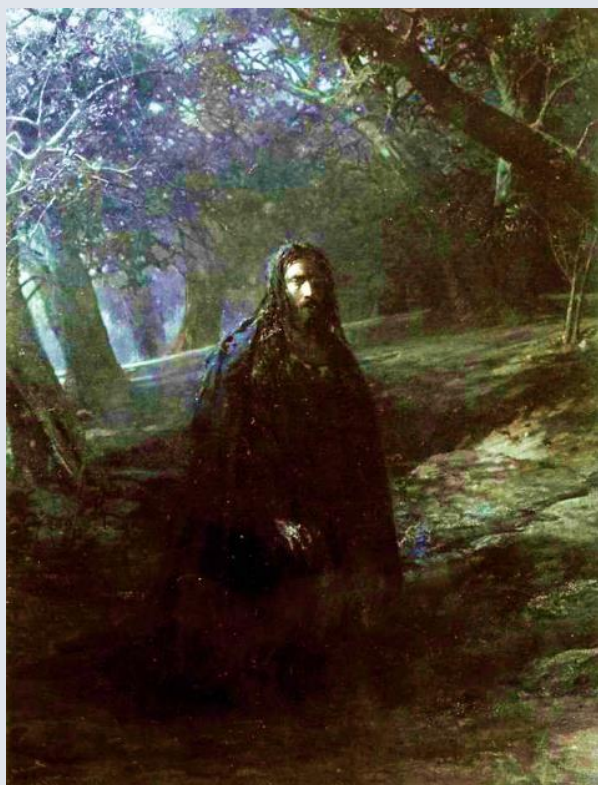


HOON HAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tenebrae Service – Maundy Thursday, 9 April 2020

‘A Service of the Shadows’

Artwork: Christ in the garden of Gethsemane – Nikolai Ge



Behold the Saviour of mankind
Nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that Him inclined
To bleed and die for thee! John Wesley

Our Approach to God:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation, Christ became
obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.


Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness” or “shadows”) has been a feature of Lenten church services since medieval times.

Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of common folk during Holy Week.


Tenebrae is a meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his anguish, and the power of silence and darkness capture the drama of this momentous event. As candles are extinguished (after each reading) we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the nature of his sacrifice.


A video of this service is here (please click link)




Reflection Music: Gethsemane 
followed by Holy Communion

Tenebrae Service Readings (NRSV Version)


The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26: 47-56, 27: 1-10 


The Shadow of Arrest John 18: 1-12 

The Shadow of Denial Matthew 26: 69-75 

The Shadow of Accusation Mark 15: 1-15 

The Shadow of Crucifixion Luke 23: 26-33 

The Shadow of Death Luke 23: 44-49 

The Shadow of Burial Mark 15: 42-46 



May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen us all. *Amen*