

On Good Friday evening, April 18, 2014 at 7:00PM, the St. Thomas More community and all its friends are invited to share in the ancient service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "shadows"; thus the Service of the Shadows, the primary reason it is conducted in the evening.

This ritual is rooted in the early church tradition of expressing the grief that weighs down the heart of our holy Mother the Church at the crucifixion and death of Jesus. There are fourteen "shadows" that represent the stages of the Good Friday events. Through each of them, those present are moved by scripture, prayer and music to reflect upon the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that day.

The service ends with gestures of respect and dignity toward the "light" of Christ, dignifying the triumph of good over evil. The service is approximately 45 minutes long.

Give yourself the gift of Tenebrae this Easter!