

# Christ Church Deer Park

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April 1, 2026  
Choral Tenebrae  
7:30pm



“Darkness covered the earth when Jesus was crucified.” *Image Source: AB/WikiArt. Crucifixion (c.1582), by Paolo Veronese*

## Tenebrae

The service of Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness" or "shadows") is a symbolic representation of the crucifixion. The Lamentations readings mourn the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, which Jesus likened to his body (John 2:19-21), inviting us to grieve. The disciples' gradual desertion is conveyed through the gradual extinction of candles until just one remains. This single candle, representing Jesus, is momentarily moved to the altar and then hidden to signify his death. A loud noise in the darkness denotes the earthquake at the time of Jesus' death on the cross (Matthew 27:51). The candle is then returned, pointing to the resurrection. The candle's reappearance indicates that the service of Tenebrae has concluded and you may depart in silence.

### First Nocturn

**Psalms** Psalm 69: 1-23  
Psalm 70  
Psalm 74

### Silent Prayer

**Lesson 1** Lamentations 1:1-14

**Responsory 1** *In monte Oliveti* Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

**Lesson 2** Lamentations 1:6-9

**Responsory 2** *Tristis est anima mea* Pedro de Cristo (1545-1618)

**Lesson 3** Lamentations 1:10-14

**Responsory 3** *Ecce vidimus eum* Marc'Antonio Ingegneri (1535-1592)

**Lessons 4 and 5** Hebrews 4:15-16; 5:1-6

**Psalm** 90:1-12

**Psalm** 150

***Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1.68–79)***

**Christus Factus Est**

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

**Psalm**            51

Gregorio Allegri (1582-1652)

*Nothing further is said; but a noise is made, and the remaining candle is brought from its hiding place and replaced on the stand.*

*By its light, the ministers and people depart in silence.*

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***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Officiant: Rev'd Alison Falby

The Choir of Christ Church Deer Park

Director of Music:  
Stefani Bedin

Choral Section Leads: Emily Ding, Maren Richardson, Veronika Muggeridge (guest), Jordan Baldwin (guest), Martin So, Kieran Kane (guest), Peter Warren

Cantor: Peter Warren

Reader: Paul Gooch

Warden on Duty: Jill MacRae

SubDeacon: Elsa Jones

Livestream Technician: Zongfan Li

Verger: Godwin Njeteneh

*Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.*

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**Join us as we continue our Holy Week journey**

Having entered into Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples tonight, we journey to the cross with him on Good Friday tomorrow. On the following Holy Saturday evening, we will hold an Easter Vigil over Zoom and in a watch party at the church, sharing stories of how God has saved God's people through history and celebrating the Resurrection. Our celebration will continue on Sunday morning: Easter Day.

**Maundy Thursday - April 2, 2026**

Stations of the Cross - Self-Directed, 5-6pm

Simple Supper, 6pm

Worship Service, 7:30pm

**Good Friday - April 3, 2026**

**10:30 am, Celebration of the Passion**

Celebrant: Rev'd Alison Falby      Preacher: Rev'd Cathy Gibbs

**Anthems:** Dubois- Adoramus Te | Victoria - The Reproaches

**Ecumenical Walk - Churches on the Hill**

You are warmly invited to join the Ecumenical Good Friday Walk at any stop along the journey, as you are able.

- **12:00pm** – Begins at *Our Lady of Perpetual Help*
- **12:30pm** – *Yorkminster Park Baptist Church*
- **12:50pm** – *Christ Church Deer Park*
- **1:15pm** – *Calvin Presbyterian Church / Deer Park United Church*
- **1:40pm** – *Timothy Eaton Memorial Church*

**7 pm, Church on Tap, Good Friday Reflection Service** (meet in the chancel)

**Holy Saturday, - April 4, 2026**

**7:30pm, Online Easter Vigil (by Zoom and CCDP Watch Party)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81419384602>

Rev'd Alison Falby and Rev'd Cathy Gibbs

**Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026**

Presider: Rev'd Alison Falby (8am and 10:30) and Rev'd Cathy Gibbs (9:15)

Preacher: Rev'd Alison

**8am, Holy Eucharist** (BCP)

**9:15am, Contemporary Service**

**10:30am, Choral Eucharist**

**Choral Music:** Mozart- *Gloria* from the *Coronation Mass*, Sixten- Alleluia,  
Handel- Hallelujah Chorus

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Tenebrae liturgy from The Episcopal Church, *Book of Occasional Services*, 1994 edition.

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