

## **The Liturgy of the Shadows**

*This is a traditional Tenebrae Service liturgy. It requires a 7-candle menorah and an 8<sup>th</sup> candle.*

*Readings from Matthews Gospel*

### **1. The Shadow of Betrayal:**

Matthew 26: 20-25

Extinguish the First Candle while saying: **“The Shadow of Betrayal.”**

#### **The Kyrie Eleison**

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### **1. The Shadow of Inner Agony:**

Matthew 26:36-39

Extinguish the second candle while saying: **“The Shadow of Inner Agony.”**

#### **The Kyrie Eleison**

### **3. The Shadow of Loneliness:**

Matthew 26: 40-46

Extinguish the third candle while saying: **“The Shadow of Loneliness.”**

#### **The Kyrie Eleison**

### **4. The Shadow of Accusation:**

Matthew 26: 59-66

Extinguish the fifth candle while saying: **“The Shadow of Accusation.”**

#### **The Kyrie Eleison**

### **5. The Shadow of Desertion:**

Matthew 69-75

Extinguish the fourth candle while saying: **“The Shadow of Desertion.”**

#### **The Kyrie Eleison**

### **6. The Shadow of Mockery:**

Matthew 27:26-31

Extinguish the sixth candle while saying: **“The Shadow of Mockery”**

#### **The Kyrie Eleison**

### **7. The Shadow of Death:**

Matthew 27:33-50

Extinguish the seventh candle while saying: **“The Shadow of Death”**

### **The Kyrie Eleison**

The Christ Candle is extinguished while saying  
**“It is Finished”**

### **Music for reflection**

*The Tenebrae service concludes quietly, with no benediction. You are welcome to stay and sit a while. Please respect the silence as you leave.*