



## Good Friday Tenebrae – The Seven Last Words

**April 10, 2020**

This service is patterned after the ancient office of Tenebrae. The word “tenebrae” means “darkness” or “shadows”. The purpose of the service is to impress upon us the terrible reality of sin, which caused our Savior to die for us.

Seen as part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, it is appropriate for Good Friday to be an austere time of reflection and intercession, as well as the adoration of Christ, our sacrificial lamb. However, the note of austerity does not preclude the note of triumph. The congregation gathers to celebrate our Lord’s sacrifice on the cross. The logic of the continuing celebration, which began on Maundy Thursday, suggests that it is not appropriate to celebrate the Holy Communion; its note of triumph is better reserved for Easter.

*The liturgy begins in silence.*



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**BIDDING PRAYERS**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE SEVEN LAST WORDS**

**FIRST WORD, READING, HYMN**

**SECOND WORD, READING, HYMN**

**THIRD WORD, READING, ANTHEM**

**FOURTH WORD, READING, HYMN**

**FIFTH WORD, READING, HYMN**

**SIXTH WORD, READING, HYMN**

**SEVENTH WORD, READING, HYMN**

**STREPITUS**

**WERE YOU THERE**

**DEPART IN SILENCE**