

GOOD FRIDAY: *Evening Tenebrae Service*

TENEBRAE, the service of "dark hours," is an ancient service for Good Friday. The service begins in silence. The candles represent the seven words from the cross, the seven statements Jesus made before he died. The service will end in darkness.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: *See back cover*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess together, using the words of the Apostles' Creed: *See back cover*

PSALM 20:1-11

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.

May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.

May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the Lord fulfill all your petitions. Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;

he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.

Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:34

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

MEDITATION

The 1st candle is extinguished

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:43

“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

MEDITATION

The 2nd candle is extinguished

THE THIRD WORD

John 19:26-27

“Woman behold your son...behold your mother.”

MEDITATION

The 3rd candle is extinguished

THE FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:46

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

MEDITATION

The 4th candle is extinguished

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

“I Thirst.”

MEDITATION

The 5th candle is extinguished

THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

“It is finished.”

MEDITATION

The 6th candle is extinguished

THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46

“Father into thy hands, I commend my spirit.”

MEDITATION

The 7th candle is extinguished

CANTICLE

I Commend My Spirit

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: **Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, † one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

The service ends in silence. There is no benediction or postlude.