

## **Christ on the Cross: Last Words**

**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do**

Here is love  
caught between the powers of the world  
and the breaking of heaven  
on the long journey home  
we do not know what it is we do  
and the Last Word  
forgives

**Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise**

Here is love  
found between two thieves  
crucified among the lost  
and the Last Word turns  
and promises paradise

**Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother**

Here is love  
lonely on the cross  
and with nothing left  
the Last Word even now  
brings together  
mother and son

**My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?**

Here is love  
some gargoyle of grace  
abandoned by heaven  
and the Last Word breaks  
with loneliness

**I thirst**

Here is love  
and in the last moments of life  
seeks solace  
and the Last Word  
in the final moment  
yet appeals to humanity

**It is finished**

Here is love  
and here what it is like  
when every hope  
comes to an end  
and the Last Word  
is finished

**Father, into our hands I commit my spirit**

Here is love  
clinging  
to one last hope  
that not everything is lost  
and the last word  
dies

# Order of Worship

## GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE A Liturgy of Shadows

### Call to Worship & Prayer

### Worship Song

### Scripture Reading: The First Reading

*Matthew 26:17-29* – Jesus eats the last supper with his disciples

### Scripture Reading: The Second Reading

*Matthew 26:36-56* – Jesus is betrayed and arrested

**Take a foam cup and some cloves and poke the cloves through the cup making a thorny cup of suffering.**

**Every time you smell the cup, remember the sweet reward of Jesus' sacrifice when he fulfilled God's Word by giving his life for us.**

### Worship Songs

### Scripture Reading: The Third Reading

*Mark 15:1-15* – Jesus appears before Pontius Pilate

### Scripture Reading: The Fourth Reading

*Mark 15:16-32* – Jesus is crucified

**Take a piece of purple cloth and rip it as an illustration of the curtain in the temple being torn in two. The separation is now gone! The Father's heart is opened wide and we are welcomed to come all the way in. We have complete access.**

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### Worship Songs

### Scripture Reading: The Fifth Reading

*Matthew 27:45-54* – Jesus dies on the cross

### Scripture Reading: The Sixth Reading

*Isaiah 52:13 – 53:5* – He was despised and we took no account of him

**Take the black piece of paper write a sin, a confession or as a symbol of sharing in death with Christ, come to the cross anytime during the next two songs and nail your paper to the cross. This a physical reminder that Jesus had already taken those sins, guilt and shame on Himself as He hung on the cross and died, and it is finished.**

### Worship Songs

### Scripture Reading: The Seventh Reading

*Matthew 27:62-66* – Jesus is laid in the tomb

### Benediction

### Depart in silence