

**“Now from the sixth hour till the ninth hour,  
there was darkness over all the land.”**

*(Matthew 27:45, Luke 23:44)*

**Good Friday** Service continues the *Triduum Sacrum*, the “Three Holy Days”, without Invocation or Benediction. The *Tre Ore* Service on Good Friday commemorates the anniversary of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Service honors three hours of darkness during which our Lord hung on the cross. On Good Friday it is customary that the ancient “Reproaches” are chanted. The Seven Last Words, or Utterances, our Lord made while crucified, are the customary focus of Good Friday. The Passion according to St. John provides the Gospel reading (*St. John 18, 19*). The Adoration of the Cross is an ancient Western custom. Good Friday is one of only three days of the Church Year that black paraments are used.

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