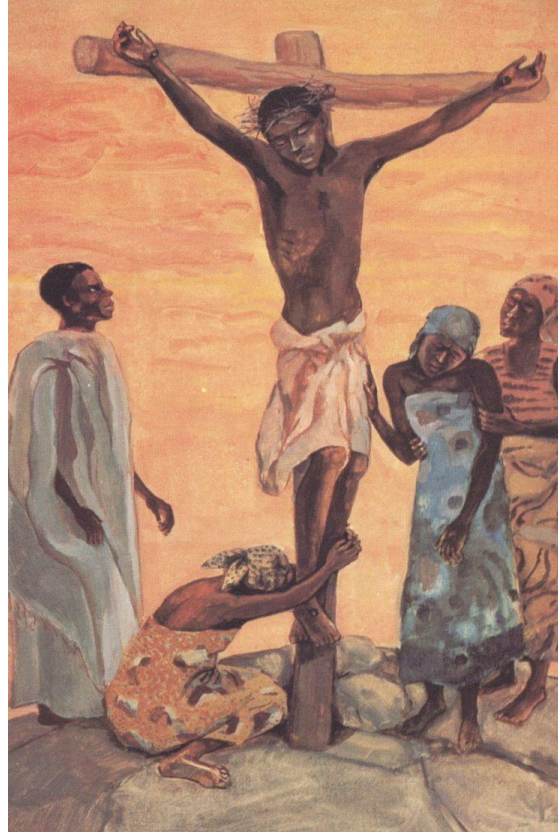


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The Last Seven Words

(In-Person and Livestreamed)

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Let us pray

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Mark 15:1-26

Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate. Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

He answered and said to him, "It is as you say."

And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing. Then Pilate asked Him again saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!" But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested. And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them. Pilate answered and said to them again, "What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!"

Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?"

But they cried out all the more, "Crucify Him!"

So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison. And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head, and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him. And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross. And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. And the inscription of His accusation was written above:

THE KING OF THE JEWS.

INTRODUCTION

(Rev. Dr. Nathanael Saint-Pierre)

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of this redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O MY God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You and I grieve that I have so often offended You by my sins and I resolve henceforth by Thy Grace and Mercy to lead a better life.

Musical Meditation

Come Ye Disconsolate

Reading: Luke 23:27- 34

And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. But Jesus, turning to them, said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!” For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?”

There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

First Word: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

(Carolyn Bensen)

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, You asked your father to forgive those who crucified you and you opened your heart to have mercy for them: Put in our hearts your love, so, following your example, we can learn to forgive those who offend us or want to hurt us. We can, by doing so become the way you want us to be, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

O MY God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You and I grieve that I have so often offended You by my sins and I resolve henceforth by Thy Grace and Mercy to lead a better life.

Hymn: O Sacred Head

#168 (1982 Hymnal)

Reading: Luke 23:35-43

And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God.”

The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself.”

And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew:

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Second Word: "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

(Susan Brown)

Let us pray:

O Holy Jesus, in Your infinite goodness, accept the conversion of a sinner on the cross and look with mercy your servants seeking for your forgiveness and remission of their sins: renew in them all that has been corrupted by fraud and malice of the devil, or by their own fleshly weak-ness. Regard with compassion their contrition, accept their repentance as they put their trust in your mercy alone, they do not attribute their past sins, but strengthen them by Your Spirit, and when it pleases you to remove them from this life, receive them in your favor, we ask this through your merits, O Lord, God, Savior, and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O MY God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You and I grieve that I have so often offended You by my sins and I resolve henceforth by Thy Grace and Mercy to lead a better life.

Hymn: *The Old Rugged Cross*

#38 (LEVAS)

Reading: John 19:23-27

Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.

Third Word: "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"

(Irma Williams)

Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settles the solitary in families: We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the

children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectionate one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

O MY God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You and I grieve that I have so often offended You by my sins and I resolve henceforth by Thy Grace and Mercy to lead a better life.

Hymn: He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

#33 (LEVAS)

Psalm 22:1-21

- 1 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
*Why are You so far from helping Me,
And from the words of My groaning?*
- 2 **O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;
And in the night season, and am not silent.**
- 3 But You *are* holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.
- 4 **Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered them.**
- 5 They cried to You, and were delivered;
They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.
- 6 **But I *am* a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised by the people.**
- 7 All those who see Me ridicule Me;
They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,
- 8 **“He trusted in the Lord let Him rescue Him;
Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!”**
- 9 But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust *while* on My mother’s breasts.
- 10 **I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother’s womb You have been My God.**
- 11 Be not far from Me,
For trouble *is* near; For *there is* none to help.
- 12 **Many bulls have surrounded Me;
Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled Me.**

- 13 They gape at Me with their mouths,
Like a raging and roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And My tongue clings to My jaws;
You have brought Me to the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs have surrounded Me;
The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They pierced My hands and My feet;
- 17 I can count all My bones.
They look and stare at Me.
- 18 They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots.
- 19 But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
- 20 Deliver Me from the sword,
My precious life from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save Me from the lion's mouth
And from the horns of the wild oxen!
You have answered Me.

Fourth Word: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

(The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre)

Let us pray:

Merciful God, a broken and contrite heart, you will not despise nor the voice of those who cry out to you in their distress: In your compassion, receive the prayers we present to you when afflicted and overcome by adversity. Hear us by your grace so that any evil plans from human or evil spirits, designed with malice and wickedness may not affect us. Freed from all we may continually thank you in your holy church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O MY God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You and I grieve that I have so often offended You by my sins and I resolve henceforth by Thy Grace and Mercy to lead a better life.

Hymn: Musical Meditation

The Passion Chorale

Reading: John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a branch of hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

Fifth Word: "I thirst!"

(.....)

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O MY God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You and I grieve that I have so often offended You by my sins and I resolve henceforth by Thy Grace and Mercy to lead a better life.

Hymn: At the Cross

#30 (LEVAS)

Reading: John 19:30

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Sixth Word: "It is finished!"

(.....)

Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who made there upon the cross by your one oblation of yourself once offered, a full perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; He who lives and reigns with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O MY God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You and I grieve that I have so often offended You by my sins and I resolve henceforth by Thy Grace and Mercy to lead a better life.

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

#498 (1982 Hymnal)

Reading: Luke 23:44-47

Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’” Having said this, He breathed His last.

Seventh Word: “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’”

(Rev. Dr. Micheal Edwards)

Let us pray:

O Jesus, our Lord, into the hands of your Father in heaven you committed your spirit. In your death and passion on the cross, you have paid the ransom for the sins of the whole world: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a religious and holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

O MY God, I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You and I grieve that I have so often offended You by my sins and I resolve henceforth by Thy Grace and Mercy to lead a better life.

Hymn: Were You There

#37 (LEVAS)

Leader: God be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL: John 18:1--19:42

How Jesus died on the cross

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.

They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.”

So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” The

Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate, therefore, said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore, the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.”

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.

Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here is your King!” They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath, especially because that Sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.

Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.

But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.)

These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

THE OFFERING

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Hymn: And Now, O Father

#337 (1982 Hymnal)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.



We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

A CONFESSION OF SIN

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. AMEN**

We can say the following prayer with those who could not be in our service in person and partake in this communion.

Let us pray.

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people desire to receive you but cannot physically do
so, we remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your
coming in glory. We beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen
our sisters and brothers who cannot be here in person with your grace, and let them never
be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.
Amen.**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Solemn Collects

All standing, the Deacon, or other person appointed, says to the people

Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death and become heirs with him of everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

In the biddings which follow, the people may be directed to stand or kneel.

The biddings may be read by a Deacon or other person appointed. The Celebrant says the Collects.

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve For **Andrew, Allen, and Mary** our Bishops, and all the people of this diocese. For all Christians in this community, especially **DeWitt Reformed Church, Restoring the Remnant Ministries, and Daughters of Destiny Ministries, Inc.** That God will confirm his Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; For **Joseph**, the President of the United States; For the Congress and the Supreme Court; For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations, For Kathy our Governor, Eric our Mayor; For all who serve the common good. That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind; For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed. For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled we pray especially for *Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Denise, Oland, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Minnie, Valerie Scott, Deacon Adeline Smith, Deacon Philomé Previl, Martha Postel, Gloria McCoy, Susan Brown, Harry Ross Moseley, The Reverend Yvan François, Valburg Krauser, Idella Richards, her*

son Kareem and family, Sharifa Sena, Gwendolyn Murphy, Melvin Green, Elisabeth Martinez, Yvonne Ward, Gloria Gooden, Jason Smith, Alvira Vargas, Alexis Frorup, Gwendolyn Frorup, Wanda Pineiro, Yvonne Smith, Eileen Youngberry, Annette Harewood, Imani Cholongani and Christina Harris. For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish. For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair. For the sorrowful and bereaved. For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger. That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;
For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples
For those who, in the name of Christ, have persecuted others
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, especially James During, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A wooden cross is now brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.

Anthem 2

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;
if we endure, we shall also reign with him.**

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The service concludes with the following prayer. No blessing or dismissal is added.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Help us to experience death through your Son Jesus Christ so that we can also experience resurrection through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. **Amen.**

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We ask God's blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in April. Especially.

1st Nimrod Daley; De'Val Davis; **4th** Vida Semper Curry, Sadie Mack, Sharifah Sena; **6th** Phillis Simmons, **8th** Diane Krauser, **9th** Dinah Williams, **10th** Elaine Daly, Vera Moore; **17th** Leticia (Tish) Johnson; **26th** Jalen Cox.

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