

ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Good Friday Service
The Seven Last Words of Jesus

April 2, 2021

400 River Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29212

*In the order of service, congregational responses are printed in **bold**.
Please speak the responses **gently**. It is recommended that masks are worn during worship.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

All gather in silence. Please stand when the minister stands.

CALL TO WORSHIP - Isaiah 53:1-3

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant,

and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

and as one from whom others hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him of no account.

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666

*1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my
soul! What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the
dreadful curse for my soul?*

*2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking
down, when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid
aside his crown for my soul.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let us pray...Merciful God, as we remember how your son Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, how seven times he spoke, seven words of love, we ask you to bless our hearing.

Father, as we recall how all three hours His silence cried for mercy on the souls of all, we ask you to help us to understand the mystery of your love, and make us into a people who are ever more worthy of it. Amen.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Extinguishing The Candle

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666

3 *To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions
join the theme, I will sing.*

4 *And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll
sing on; and when from death I'm
free, I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Extinguishing The Candle

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HYMN***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*****ELW 351**

1 *O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.*

2 *How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.*

THE THIRD WORD**John 19:25-27**

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.

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HYMN***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*****ELW 351**

3 *What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.*

4 *Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing
die safely in thy love.*

THE FOURTH WORD**Mark 15:33-34**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

ELW 345

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| 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
on your holy passion;
let your Spirit now endow
me for meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
may the image cherish
of your suffering, pain, and death,
that I may not perish. | 2 Make me see your great distress,
anguish, and affliction,
bonds and blows and wretchedness
and your crucifixion;
make me see how scourge and rod,
spear and nails, did wound you,
how you died for those, O God,
who with thorns had crowned you. |
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THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

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.

Extinguishing The Candle

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You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

ELW 345

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| 3 <i>Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
make me see your passion,
but its cause to me make known
and its termination.
For I also and my sin
wrought your deep affliction;
this the shameful cause has been
of your crucifixion.</i> | 4 <i>Let me view your pain and loss
with repentant grieving,
nor prepare again your cross
by unholy living.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
that I may in heav'n above
sing your praise forever.</i> |
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THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:29-30

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

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You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338

*1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and burdens of the day.*

*3 I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.*

THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Extinguishing The Candle

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You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

SILENT MEDITATION

The Christ Candle is removed from the Sanctuary.

HYMN

O God, Why Are You Silent

ELW 703

*1 O God, why are you silent? I cannot hear
your voice; the proud and strong and violent
all claim you and rejoice; you promised you
would hold me with tenderness and care.
Draw near, O Love, enfold me, and ease the
pain I bear.*

*4 May pain draw forth compassion, let
wisdom rise from loss; oh, take my heart
and fashion the image of your cross;
then may I know your healing through
healing that I share, your grace and love
revealing, your tenderness and care.*

READING: Isaiah 53-4-6, 9

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

HYMN

Were You There

ELW 353

1 *Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

2 *Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

3 *Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh, sometimes it*

causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4 *Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

5 *Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

BENEDICTION

Depart now in peace, and may the Spirit of Christ, go with you, may his faith and trust abide within you, and may the knowledge of his love support you both now and forevermore,

The Christ Candle is returned to the center of the Sanctuary.



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If you are a guest, please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the offering plate so that we can get to know you better. As you leave today, be sure to sign our guest register and introduce yourself to the pastor. If you would like to speak to the pastor about the possibility of membership, please call the church office, 781-0229. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Restrooms are located in both the Administrative and Christian Education Buildings.

Children are always welcome in our worship service, but for those who desire it, a nursery is provided in the Church nursery located in the Administrative Building.

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