



Good Friday

7 Last Words of Jesus Order

Please enter in silence.

SERVING TODAY:

Readers: Arlene Randall, Bailey Haines, Steve Powell, Bob Pirog, Steve Krause,
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Video Assistant: Mike & Carolyn Lewis
Ushers: Ron Jantz, Mark Mitchell, Allen Baker, Bob Pirog & Will Koski
Acolyte: Madelynn Thompson

ALL STAND:

Behold the wood of the cross on which the Savior of the world was hung.
Come, let us worship him.

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.***

Call to Worship: Isaiah 53:1-3

Leader: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

People: ***He grew up before God like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of the dry ground.***

Leader: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by all,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

People: ***Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we
esteemed him not.***

Hymn: #335 ***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*** (vs. 1,3,4)

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. ***Refrain.***

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

The First Word: Luke 23:33-34

³³ 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. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Meditation Arlene Randall

Music: "Within the Shadow of the Cross" – Teen Ensemble

Extinguishing the Candle

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God

People: ***Who takes away the sin of the world!***

The Second Word: Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Meditation Bailey Haines

Hymn

Jesus Remember Me

(First time through, sing in unison. Then begin singing in round. Men first, women next.)

UNISON:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

MEN led by Ron Wallace:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

WOMEN led by Nancy Krause:

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Extinguishing the Candle

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God

People: ***Who takes away the sin of the world!***

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. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Meditation Steve Krause

Song: "I Think I Heard Him Say..." Adult Choir

Extinguishing the Candle

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God

People: ***Who takes away the sin of the world!***

The Fourth Word: Mark 15:33-34

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ 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?"

Meditation Amy Bandi

Hymn: #337 ***Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?*** (vs. 1,2)

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

Extinguishing the Candle

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God

People: ***Who takes away the sin of the world!***

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."

Meditation Bob Pirog

Hymn: #803 ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** vs 1,2

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count by loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Extinguishing the Candle

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God

People: ***Who takes away the sin of the world!***

The Sixth Word: John 19:29-30

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."

Meditation Jessica Purdum

Hymn: ***Jesus Paid It All*** **Refrain**

Jesus paid it all; All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow.

Extinguishing the Candle

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God

People: ***Who takes away the sin of the world!***

The Seventh Word: Luke 23:46

⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Meditation Steve Powell

Music: ***Ah, Holy Jesus*** **SPLC Adult Choir**

Extinguishing the Candle

Silent Meditation

Final Meditation – Rev. Stefanie Rowinski

Hymn: #353 **Were You There** (vs.1,2,5)

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?

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?

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?

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6

Leader: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases,

People: yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions, and he was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon him was the punishment that made us whole.

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way;

People: and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mercy

SPLC Adult Choir

Prayer of Dedication:

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

People: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Leader: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;

if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

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

Concluding Prayer:

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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please dismiss in silence.)

A special thank you to those who prepared the reflections for tonight's service. There were a number of people who submitted beautiful, thoughtful engagements with Jesus' last words. We are only able to hear part of the reflections submitted, but I am grateful for everyone's willingness to share their reflections with me and with the Church. Reading them has been a blessing to me, and I pray you continue to be blessed by your time spent prayerfully engaging with Jesus this season. -Stefanie+