



GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2014



The Seven Last Words of Christ

As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.

Please silence your mobile devices.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Ah, Dearest Jesus” arr. Raymond Haan

Beth Luscombe, viola; Samuel Metzger, organ

GATHERING WORDS: Based on Lamentations 1:12 Ronald G. Sadlow

All you who pass this way

look and see the shadow of sin.

All you who pass this way

look and see the weight of the world.

All you who pass this way

look and see the suffering of our Savior.

All you who pass this way

look and see the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

This is Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

CHORAL INTROIT: “Who Is This?” arr. John Ferguson

Who is this? Who is this who walks among us?

Who is this who speaks such words?

Is it Moses, or Elijah, or some prophet of the Lord?

Can we name this suffering servant?

Can we name the promised sun?

Can we name the heir of David?

Jesus, hidden, holy one.

You are Christ, from God eternal!

Living God, from human womb,

Our deliverer and redeemer, known by cross and empty tomb.

Jesus, hidden holy one.

The Westminster Singers

Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, eternal Word of God.

We worship You.

O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God,
dwelling place of the Most High.

We adore You.

O crucified Jesus, who humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

We thank You.

♠HYMN: "Go to Dark Gethsemane" REDHEAD 76



1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, you that fell the
 2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3. Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - rained. O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,



watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete: "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

The First Word

LUKE 23:32-34 Michael Bowen

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER

**Before we hear of Your death
 and the world going into deep darkness,
 take away all the darkness from our lives,
 from our souls, from our consciences.
 Take away all that has offended You
 and all that has hurt others.
 In Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION:

"What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. Raymond Haan

The Second Word

LUKE 23:35-43 Todd Ellis

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? 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 justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER

**Lord Jesus Christ,
remember us when You come into Your kingdom.
Remember us, not for our impressive accomplishments
nor for the virtues we occasionally display.
Remember us as one of the criminal community who hung at Your side.
Remember us as those in need of Your mercy and grace.
In Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Jesus, Remember Me" Taize Chant

Choir to sing two times, followed by Congregation



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.



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The Third Word

JOHN 19:25-27 Jon McGuirt

But standing by 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 nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER

**O blessed Savior,
conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary,
as You cared for Your family then,
continue to care for Your family now,
for all our brothers and sisters
who live in fear or in hunger or in need.
Grant us the compassion to love as You love.
In Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

CHORAL MEDITATION:

"Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me" Paul Gerhardt

Why should cross and trial grieve me?
Christ is near with His cheer; never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven that God's Son
For my own to my faith hath given?
Death cannot destroy forever;
From our fears, cares, and tears it will us deliver.
It will close life's mournful story, make a way
That we may enter heav'nly glory.
Thou art mine; I love and own Thee.
Light of joy, ne'er shall I from my heart dethrone Thee.
Savior, let me soon behold Thee face to face;
May Thy grace evermore enfold me!

The Fourth Word

MATTHEW 27:45-46 Mo McGuirt

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER

**Holy God,
You always hear our cries and listen to our sorrows.
And so we pause to absorb this moment of utter agony
when You closed Your ears to Your Son;
this moment when He was forsaken,
so that we might not be;
this moment when He was abandoned
when we deserved to be.
We pause, and we pray. Amen.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "God So Loved the World" Bob Chilcott
text from John 3:16

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The Fifth Word

JOHN 19:28-29 Adrienne Cranford

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER

**O blessed Savior,
whose lips were dry and whose throat was parched,
grant us the water of life.
For all of us who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
may we taste of Your love and mercy now and evermore. Amen.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

No. 248 "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended" HERZLIEBSTER JESU
stanzas 1, 2 & 5

The Sixth Word

JOHN 19:30 Tony Dentman

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

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
You finished the work You were sent to do.
Now enable us, by Your Holy Spirit,
to be faithful to our call to follow You.
In Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Were You There?" Ralph Manuel

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?

The Seventh Word

✦ LUKE 23:44-46 Lee Taylor

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

✦ SILENT MEDITATION

✦ PRAYER

**Lord Jesus,
You were nailed to the cross by the hands of godless men.
Now You are safe in the hands of Your loving Father.
Grant us grace to find our ultimate security in life and in death
where You found Yours,
in the hands of our Father. Amen.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

No. 247 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE

HOMILY

What Is It?

A. Mitchell Moore

✦ HYMN OF THE CROSS:

No. 252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG
stanzas 1, 3 & 4

✦ BENEDICTION

May God, who gives us a new vision of life through the cross,
enlighten our understanding, inflame our affections,
and enable us to walk the way of the cross.
And may the love of God — the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit —
surround us as we seek to discern that love.

Amen.

We depart in silence, awaiting the resurrection.

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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