

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LINCOLN - GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

A Tenebrae Service on the Seven Last Words of Christ

15 April 2022

Gathering: *All Gather in Silence*

WORDS OF WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 53:1-3)

The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

We gather here to worship God.

C: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us and to thank God for His love and His mercy.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

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

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 men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

C: Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

* HYMN #107 – “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let us pray – Merciful God,

C: 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.

C: Amen.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

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.

Meditation on the First Word

Extinguish the Candle

Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

HYMN #92 – “Were You There”

Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you
 4 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,
 there when God raised him from the tomb? Oh,

some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
 some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

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.'

Meditation on the Second Word

Extinguish the Candle

Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

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.

Meditation on the Third Word

Extinguish the Candle

Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

* HYMN #123 – “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

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Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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?'

Meditation on the Fourth Word

Extinguish the Candle

Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

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 on the Fifth Word

Extinguish the Candle

Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:29-30

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.

Meditation on the Sixth Word

Extinguish the Candle

Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46

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

Meditation on the Seventh Word

Extinguish the Candle

Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

* Hymn “The Old Rugged Cross”

The Old Rugged Cross

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1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of
2. O that old rugged cross, so de-spised by the world, Has a won-drous at-
3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, A won-drous
4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true, Its shame and re-
suf-f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best
trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo-ry a-bove
beau-ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died
proach glad-ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a-way,
CHORUS
For a world of lost sin-ners was slain. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
To bear it to dark Cal-va-ry. cross, the
To par-don and sanc-ti-fy me.
Where His glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.
cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the
old rug-ged cross,
old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown.
cross, the old rug-ged cross,

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Responsive Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6, 9

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

**C: But 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.**

All 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.

**C: They 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.**

Prayer of Dedication:

LORD God, you have given us everything.

You have not held anything back.

Help us in like manner to give of ourselves.

Sanctify us in Christ's name.

Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing to others.

We ask this and all things that we need for our spiritual growth through him, who taught us to pray ...

*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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.*

We depart in silence.

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