

The Seventh Word..... Luke 23:46 (EHV)

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Hymn "Rest, O Christ, From All Your Labor" (CWS 718:1-4)

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| <p>1. Rest, O Christ, from all your labor;
Sleep within your borrowed tomb.
Foes have crucified and bound you
Fast within death's narrow room.
Pilate's guards stand watching, waiting
Where they rolled the sealing stone.
All unseen another watches:
God will not forsake his own.</p> | <p>3. Help us keep this solemn Sabbath
As we wait for Easter dawn.
Earth's dark night of sin is passing;
Death's long reign will soon be gone.
Christ, in whom the new creation
Rises brighter than the sun:
May we, as we watch for morning,
Trust the vict'ry you have won.</p> |
| <p>2. Peace at last from all your anguish,
Wounds in hand and feet and side.
Enemies no longer mock you,
Scourged, abandoned, crucified.
Faithful women gather spices,
Weep for you whom sin has slain.
Though they mourn, the God who guards you
Will not let your death be vain.</p> | <p>4. As through parting Red Sea waters
Israel marched to liberty,
So we pass through baptism's water,
Washed by grace, from sin set free.
Jesus, risen, living, reigning
Now and through eternity:
Grant that, through your life undying,
We may live victoriously.</p> |

The lighting is dimmed; altar candles extinguished; Christ-candle removed; silent meditation

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The "Strepitus"

Christ-candle returned

Good Friday Psalm..... Psalm 51

Silent meditation and dismissal

Good Friday Worship

April 14, 2017



Repent: Turn to Jesus

3/01	Ash Wednesday	Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself
3/08	Midweek 2	Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away
3/15	Midweek 3	Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven
3/22	Midweek 4	Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You
3/29	Midweek 5	Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life
4/05	Midweek 6	Repent: Turn to Jesus When You Face Temptations
4/13	Maundy Thursday	Repent: Turn to Jesus and Receive a Special Assurance of Your Forgiveness
4/14	Good Friday	Repent: Turn to Jesus; He and He Alone Finished Your Salvation
4/16	Easter Sunday	Repent: Turn to Jesus for Resurrection and Life

Tenebrae Service of Seven Words

We welcome all of you to God's house on this most holy of evenings. Although the mood tonight is somber and reflective – and rightly so, considering the horrible pain our Savior endured as he hung on the cross and the wrath of God as he suffered the torments of hell – we still remember that we're celebrating GOOD Friday. It's good because of what our Savior accomplished on our behalf. Having lived a perfect life in our place, he offered himself up as the sacrifice for all our sin – and the sins of the whole world. As the lighting is dimmed tonight, we remember how light vanished from the earth while our Savior endured the cross. As the altar candles are extinguished and the Christ Candle is removed, we remember how the life of our Savior was snuffed out. But our service still ends with notes of victory. For our Savior, death was only temporary. He rose from the tomb. That will also be true for us, as we await the glorious and brilliant day of our Savior's return.

After the closing hymn, you may remain seated for silent reflection, prayer, and meditation, but we ask that you then disperse quietly and head directly out to your cars, saving your greetings and conversations until Easter morning. May God bless your worship!

Opening Hymn“Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” (CW 122:1,3-5)

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| 1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a victim won the day. | 4. Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit your equal be,
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For your burden makes us free. |
| 3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did his work and met his death;
Like a lamb he humbly yielded
On the cross his dying breath. | 5. Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To th' eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done—
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run. |

Isaiah 53

Prayer of the Day

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Fifth Word John 19:28,29 (EHV)

After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine was sitting there, so they took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then they put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

Hymn “O Dearest Jesus” (CW 117:1,3,5,7)

- O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
Of what great crime have you to make confession—what dark transgression?
- Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit, this I do merit.
- The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted—God is committed.
- And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you, I too shall praise you.

The lighting is dimmed; silent meditation

The Sixth Word John 19:30 (EHV)

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!”

Hymn “Oh, Perfect Life of Love” (CW 138:1-6)

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| 1. Oh, perfect life of love!
All, all is finished now,
All that he left his throne above
To do for us below. | 4. And on his thorn-crowned head
And on his sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That he might make us whole. |
| 2. No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, his sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled. | 5. In perfect love he dies;
For me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
You died to make me free! |
| 3. No pain that we can share
But he has felt its smart;
All forms of human grief and care
Have pierced that tender heart. | 6. In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Your merits, not my own. |

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Hymn **“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (CW 125:1-4)**

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| 1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride. | 3. 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? |
| 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood. | 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. |

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The Fourth Word Matthew 27:45-49 (EHV)

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “This fellow is calling for Elijah.” Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. The rest said, “Leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

Hymn **“Were You There” (CW 119:1-3)**

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 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?

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Sermon **John 19:17-30 (EHV)**

¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. ²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’” ²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” ²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. So the soldiers did these things. ²⁵Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home. ²⁸After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.” ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

Repent: Turn to Jesus – He and He Alone Finished Your Salvation.

Thank-Offering

The First Word **Luke 23:32-34 (EHV)**

Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, "The place of a skull." They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Hymn **"The Lamb" (CWS 714:1-5)**



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
 4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
 5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

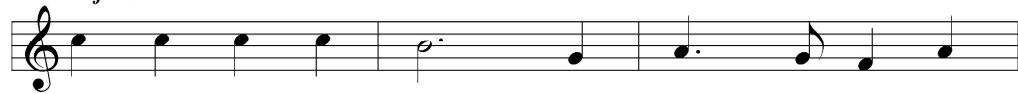


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
 shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
 o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til



will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 our be - half the law to fill.
 gives me his own right - eous - ness.
 ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

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The Second Word **Luke 23:39-43 (EHV)**

One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."

Hymn **"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" (CW 127:1,3,4)**

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| <p>1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
 See him dying on the tree!
 'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
 Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
 'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
 David's Son, yet David's Lord;
 Proofs I see sufficient of it:
 'Tis the true and faithful Word.</p> <p>3. If you think of sin but lightly
 Nor suppose the evil great,
 Here you see its nature rightly,
 Here its guilt may estimate.
 Mark the sacrifice appointed;
 See who bears the awful load—
 'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
 Son of Man and Son of God.</p> | <p>4. Here we have a firm foundation,
 Here the refuge of the lost;
 Christ's the rock of our salvation,
 His the name of which we boast.
 Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
 Sacrifice to cancel guilt—
 None shall ever be confounded
 Who on him their hope have built.</p> |
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The Third Word **John 19:25-27 (EHV)**

Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.