

# GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL

April 7, 2023  
12:00 PM

## The Last Words of Christ

*PLEASE, enter the sanctuary in respectfully reverent silence.*

*Welcome to this Good Friday Service based on the Seven Last Words (or phrases) spoken by Jesus on the Cross. These phrases are held dear by followers of Christ because they offer a glimpse into the depth of His suffering to accomplish*

*redemption. Recorded in the Gospels between the time of His crucifixion and His death, they reveal His divinity as well as His humanity. As much as possible, given the approximate sequence of events as portrayed in the Gospels, these seven last words of Christ are presented in chronological order.*



### HYMN (Please rise.) "At the Cross" (Maj # 417 - favorite)



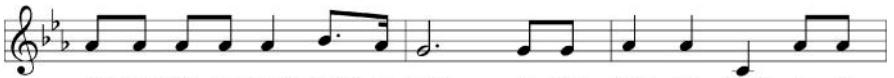
1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
4 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: it's all that I can do.



At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the



bur - den of my heart rolled a - way: it was there by faith I re -



ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day.

## INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN.**

## GOD ADMONISHES AND FORGIVES HIS PEOPLE *(kneel)*

P: My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you?

**C: Holy God, holy and strong! Holy and immortal One, we have sinned. Have mercy on us!**

P: I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom;

**C: But we led our Savior to the cross.**

P: For your sake I scourged the Egyptians and their firstborn;

**C: But we scourged You and delivered You up.**

P: I brought you out of Egypt and delivered you through Red Sea;

**C: But we handed You over to the high priests.**

P: I led you to freedom with the pillar of cloud;

**C: But we led You to the judgment court of Pilate.**

P: I gave you the water of salvation from the Rock to drink.

**C: But we gave You gall and vinegar.**

P: For forty years I led you through the desert, I fed you with manna, and brought you to a good land;

**C: But we led our Savior to the cross.**

P: For you I struck down the kings of Canaan;

**C: But we struck Your head with a reed.**

P: I gave you a royal scepter;

**C: But we gave You a crown of thorns.**

P: I raised you high with great power;

**C: But we raised You high on the cross.**

P: What more should I have done for you? I planted you as My most beautiful vineyard;

**C: But we yielded only bitterness. And with a spear we pierced the side of our Savior.**

P: My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you?

**C: Holy God, holy and strong! Holy and immortal One, we have sinned. Have mercy on us!**

P: By My holy cross I have paid for your sin and forgiven you.

**C: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You!**

P: By My holy cross I have opened the way to eternal life.

**C: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You!**

P: By My holy cross I have redeemed the world.

C: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN.**

**THE FIRST WORD**

*“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”*

*(Please be seated.)*

**SCRIPTURE READING**....Luke 23:13-34.....Pg. 1640

*(Quiet Meditation)*

**HYMN “Nearer, My God, To Thee”** (Maj # 546 verses 1-4 - favorite)

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1 Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee! E'en though it  
 2 Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down, Dark - ness be  
 3 There let the way ap - pear Steps un - to heav'n; All that Thou  
 4 Then, with my wak - ing thoughts Bright with Thy praise, Out of my

1 be a cross That rais - eth me; Still all my song shall be, Near - er, my  
 2 o - ver me, My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my  
 3 send - est me In mer - cy giv'n; An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my  
 4 ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise; So by my woes to be Near - er, my

God to Thee, Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee. A - men.

## THE SECOND WORD

*“Today, you shall be with Me in Paradise.”*

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 71:1-16

In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge;

**let me never be put to shame.**

Rescue me and deliver me in Your righteousness;

**turn Your ear to me and save me.**

Be my Rock of refuge, to Which I can always go;

**give the command to save me,**

**for You are my Rock and my Fortress.**

Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

**from the grasp of evil and cruel men.**

For You have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD,

**my confidence since my youth.**

From birth I have relied on You;

**You brought me forth from my mother’s womb.**

**I will ever praise You.**

I have become like a portent to many,

**but You are my strong refuge.**

My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**declaring Your splendor all day long.**

Do not cast me away when I am old;

**do not forsake me when my strength is gone.**

For my enemies speak against me;

**those who wait to kill me conspire together.**

They say, “God has forsaken him; pursue him and seize him,

**for no one will rescue him.”**

Be not far from me, O God;

**come quickly, O my God, to help me.**

May my accusers perish in shame;

**may those who want to harm me**

**be covered with scorn and disgrace.**

But as for me, I will always have hope;

**I will praise You more and more.**

My mouth will tell of Your righteousness,

**of Your salvation all day long,**

**though I know not its measure.**

I will come and proclaim Your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD;  
**I will proclaim Your righteousness, Yours alone.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**....Luke 23:35-43.....Pg. 1641

*(Quiet Meditation)*

**HYMN** - “*Jesus, Remember Me*” (ELW # 616) *sing 3 times*

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

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Text: Luke 23:42 Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

### **THE THIRD WORD**

*“Woman, behold your son!” “Behold your mother.”*

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice.

**Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness;  
therefore You are feared.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

**and in His word I put my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning,

**more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

O Israel, put Your hope in the LORD,

**for with the LORD is unfailing love**

and with Him is full redemption.

**He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**....John 19:23-27.....Pg. 1684

*(Quiet Meditation)*

**HYMN** “*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*”

*(SBH # 88 2nd tune verses 1-3 - favorite)*

1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 2. How art thou pale with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank thee, dear - est friend,

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 How does that vis - age lan - guish Which once was bright as morn!  
 For this thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - ty with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter Pas - sion Were all for sin - ner's gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, And, should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to thee.

Text: *Salve caput cruciatum*: Ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; Trans. composite, alt.  
 Tune: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLAGEN, 7 6 7 6 D; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; Harm. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

## THE FOURTH WORD

*“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”*

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 22:1-11

My God, my God,

**why have You forsaken me?**

Why are You so far from saving me,

**so far from the words of my groaning?**

O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer,

**by night, and am not silent.**

Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One;  
**You are the praise of Israel.**  
In You our fathers put their trust;  
**they trusted and You delivered them.**  
They cried to You and were saved;  
**in You they trusted and were not disappointed.**  
But I am a worm and not a man,  
**scorned by men and despised by the people.**  
All who see me mock me;  
**they hurl insults, shaking their heads:**  
“He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.  
**Let Him deliver him, since he delights in Him.”**  
Yet You brought me out of the womb;  
**You made me trust in You even at my mother’s breast.**  
From birth I was cast upon You;  
**from my mother’s womb You have been my God.**  
Do not be far from me,  
**for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**....Mark 15:25, 33-36.....Pg. 1583  
(*Quiet Meditation*)

**SOLO** “*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*” (ELW # 345)

**THE FIFTH WORD**  
*“I thirst.”*

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 69:1-4, 7-9, 13-21  
Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.  
**I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold.**  
I have come into the deep waters;  
**the floods engulf me.**  
I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched.  
**My eyes fail, looking for my God.**  
Those who hate me without reason outnumber the hairs of my head;  
**many are my enemies without cause,**  
**those who seek to destroy me.**  
I am forced to restore  
**what I did not steal.**  
For I endure scorn for Your sake,  
**and shame covers my face.**

I am a stranger to my brothers,  
**an alien to my own mother's sons;**  
 for zeal for Your house consumes me,  
**and the insults of those who insult You fall on me.**  
 But I pray to You, O LORD, in the time of Your favor;  
**in Your great love, O God,**  
**answer me with Your sure salvation.**  
 Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink;  
**deliver me from those who hate me,**  
**from the deep waters.**

Do not let the floodwaters engulf me or the depths swallow me up  
**or the pit close its mouth over me.**

Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of Your love;  
**in Your great mercy turn to me.**

Do not hide Your face from Your servant;  
**answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.**

Come near and rescue me;  
**redeem me because of my foes.**

You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed;  
**all my enemies are before You.**

Scorn has broken my heart  
**and has left me helpless;**

I looked for sympathy, but there was none,  
**for comforters, but I found none.**

They put gall in my food  
**and gave me vinegar for my thirst.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**....John 19:28-29.....Pg. 1685

*(Quiet Meditation)*

**HYMN** "On a Hill Far Away"

*(Maj #228 - favorite - George Bennard)*

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,  
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;  
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,  
for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
to . . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
to . . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

*Refrain*

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged

cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

## THE SIXTH WORD

*“It is finished.”*

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 40:7-10

I said, “Here I am, I have come—

**it is written about me in the scroll.**

I desire to do Your will, O my God;

**Your law is within my heart.”**

I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly;

**I do not seal my lips, as You know, O LORD.**

I do not hide Your righteousness in my heart;

**I speak of Your faithfulness and salvation.**

I do not conceal Your love and Your truth

**from the great assembly.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**....John 4:34, 6:38, 17:1-5, 19:30

....Pg. 1657, 1652, 1679, 1685

*(Quiet Meditation)*

**HOMILY**

**HYMN** “Were You There?” (ELW # 353 - favorite)



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
4 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Oh! some-times it caus - es me to



trem-ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
there when they nailed him to the tree?  
there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
there when they pierced him in the side?  
there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual, alt. Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

**THE SEVENTH WORD**

*“Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.”*

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 31:1-5

In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**deliver me in Your righteousness.**

Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;

**be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

Since You are my rock and my fortress,

**for the sake of Your name lead and guide me.**

Free me from the trap that is set for me,

**for You are my refuge.**

Into Your hands I commit my spirit;

**redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.**

SCRIPTURE READING....Luke 23:46-49.....Pg. 1641

SCRIPTURE READING....John 19:31-37.....Pg. 1685

*(Please kneel. Quiet Meditation)*

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

P: Let us pray as our Lord taught us to pray: **C: 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.**

### HYMN “Wide Open Are Your Hands” (LBW # 489)



1 Wide o - pen are your hands to pay with more than gold  
2 Wide o - pen are your arms, a fall - en world to,em-brace,  
3 Draw all my mind and heart up to your throne on high,



the aw - ful debt of guilt and sin, for - ev - er and of old.  
to win to love and end - less rest our way - ward hu - man race.  
and let your sa - cred cross ex - alt my spir - it to the sky.



Ah, let me grasp those hands, that we may nev - er part,  
Lord, I am sad and poor, but bound - less is your grace;  
To these, your might - y hands, my spir - it I re - sign.



and let the pow - er of their blood sus - tain my faint - ing heart.  
give me the soul - trans - form - ing joy for which I seek your face.  
In life, I live a - lone to you; in death, am yours a - lone.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Charles Porterfield Krauth, 1823–1883, alt.  
Music: LEOMINSTER, George W. Martin, 1828–1881

*Depart in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation.*

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