

Good Friday

Seven Last Words of Christ



Central Cluster of the New Jersey Synod

April 2, 2021

7:30 PM

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Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, 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.**

PRELUDE Elegy from *Symphony in g minor*

by Percy Whitlock

Musician: Shea Velloso, organ

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

MUSIC “Were You There?”

arr. Leister and Roulet

Musician: John Leister

REFLECTIONS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

I. Father, forgive them; for they know not what they are doing.

Luke 23:34

Reflection by The Rev. Fred Lentz

II. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:43

Reflection by The Rev. Beau Nelson

III. “Woman, this is your son.” Then Jesus said to the disciple: “This is your mother.”

John 19:26–27

Reflection by The Rev. Jane McCready

MUSIC "Fall, Slow Tears"

By Ruth Elaine Schram

Virtual Choir: Linda Bennett, Carolyn Burroughs, Phyllis Dandy, Virginia Dearborn, Jeanne Elmuccio, Alyssa Fiebiger, Carla Flint, Sean Garnhart, Alyssa Gautieri, Esther Krutzel, Connie Nordstrom, Patrice Patterson, Donna Schlenker, Meg Sorensen Spatz, Matt Spatz, Mellisa Toddings

*Fall, slow tears,
and drown all my doubts and fears
and wash away my sin and shame
In the flood of forgiveness and mercy.
Fall, fall, fall slow tears.*

*Weep, sad eyes;
my soul in repentance cries.
create in me a clean heart, oh God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Take all my iniquities upon you.
Have mercy on me,
have mercy on me.*

*Fall, slow tears,
and drown all my doubts and fears
and wash away my sin and shame
in the flood of forgiveness and mercy.*

*Fall, slow tears;
weep, sad eyes;
fall, fall, fall, slow tears.*

IV. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew 27:46

Reflection by The Rev. Dr. Carol Lindsay

V. I thirst.

John 19:28

Reflection by The Rev. Tristan Shin

MUSIC Setting of "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

By Allan Mahnke

Musicians: Pattie Gould, cello and Donna Garzinsky, organ

VI. It is finished.

John 19:30

Reflection by The Rev. Dr. David Knecht

VII. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke 23:46

Reflection by The Rev. Dr. Christa Compton

MUSIC “Hope of the World”

By Lloyd Larson

Musicians: Meg Spatz, flute Virtual Choir: Linda Bennett, Carolyn Burroughs, Phyllis Dandy, Virginia Dearborn, Jeanne Elmuccio, Alyssa Fiebiger, Carla Flint, Sean Garnhart, Alyssa Gautieri, Esther Krutzel, Connie Nordstrom, Patrice Patterson, Donna Schlenker, Meg Sorensen Spatz, Matt Spatz, Mellisa Toddings

*Hope of the world, help to the helpless;
a humble Servant, Savior, Friend,
God’s only Son, sent to redeem us;
hosannas ring praise without end.*

*Amazing love! How great a Savior!
Christ comes to set the captive free!
A love beyond all comprehension
the grace of God for all to see.
Amazing love for you and me!*

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.*

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
despised, rejected and alone.
He carried our sorrows, griefs and burdens.
He had to bear them all alone.
Jesus bore them all alone.*

*Amazing love! How great a Savior!
Christ comes to set the captive free.
A love beyond all comprehension,
the grace of God for all to see.
Amazing love for you and me!*

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

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

This is the wood of the cross, on which hung the Savior of the world. Come, let us worship.

O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly pray.

BIDDING PRAYER

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Therefore, we pray to our heavenly Father for people everywhere according to their needs.

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world: for unity in faith, in witness, and in service.

Let us pray for the nations of the world and their leaders: for those who administer the law and all who serve in public office, for all who strive for justice and reconciliation.

Let us pray for those who do not believe the gospel of Christ: for those who have not heard the message of salvation, for all who have lost faith.

Let us pray for all those who suffer: for those who are deprived and oppressed, for all who are sick, for those in doubt and in despair, in loneliness and in fear, for prisoners, captives and refugees, for the victims of violence, for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them.

Let us commend ourselves and all God's children to God's unfailing love, may we come to the fullness of eternal life and the joy of the resurrection.

Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

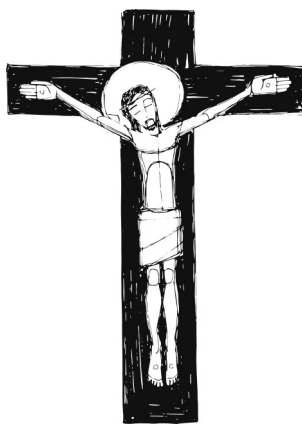
Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

We glory in your cross O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

POSTLUDE "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Virtual Handchime Choir: Anne Dawson, Jeanne Elmuccio, Alyssa Fiebiger, Kurt Fiebiger, Lauren Gaudin, Lindsey Garnhart, Mason Garnhart, Sean Garnhart, Meg Spatz, Matt Spatz



Participants in Today's Service

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