



SERVICE OF SEVEN WORDS

Good Friday

March 29, 2024 - 12:00 p.m. service

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The service of seven words is designed to be used between noon and 3pm on Good Friday afternoon. During those three hours, Jesus hung on the cross to suffer and die for the sins of the world. Throughout those three hours, Jesus spoke seven times. Each lesson recounts Jesus' words from the cross in a greater context. Interspersed between each lesson is a hymn or song designed to impress upon our souls the depth of Jesus' love for us on Good Friday.

The seven words service is designed to be meditative in nature. There is no preservice or postservice music. Worshipers gather quietly in prayer, and will also be dismissed in silence as they depart pondering the miracle of our redemption.

God bless your worship!

Worshippers gather in silence.

A bell will be tolled seven times to begin the service.

The minister enters in silence.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher

Pastor David Clark

Pianist/Organist

Rachel Casmer

Student Readers

Braylon Evans, Jordan Madrid, James Rodriguez, Carson Williams,
Kendren Bourguet, Gabriel Learned, Carter Meyer, Clayton Meyer,
Zachary Miller, Duvan Moldenhauer, David Tavares

† ORDER OF SERVICE †

Stand

READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

- 13 See, my servant will act wisely;
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
- 14 Just as there were many who were appalled at him—
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man
and his form marred beyond human likeness—
- 15 so will he sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.
For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will understand.
- 1 Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- 2 He grew up before him 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.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
- 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.



- 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
And who can speak of his descendants?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was stricken.
- 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
- 11 After the suffering of his soul,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous
servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Let us pray.

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 now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Be seated



Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
 he the perfect Son of Man;
 in his living, in his suff'ring
 never trace nor stain of sin.
 See the true and better Adam,
 come to save the hellbound man.
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment
 of the law; in him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry,
 Christ the Lord upon the tree;
 in the stead of ruined sinners
 hangs the Lamb in victory.
 See the price of our redemption,
 see the Father's plan unfold,
 bringing many sons to glory,
 grace unmeasured, love untold.



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FIRST WORD

Luke 23:32-34

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, *“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”* And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;
They pierce my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

He bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.

Amen.

KINDERGARTEN RESPONSE

Glory Be to Jesus | 402:1-2

Glory be to Jesus,
who in bitter pains
poured for me the lifeblood
from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion,
infinitely kind.

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.; Italian, c. 18th cent., abr. Text: Public domain

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "*I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.*"

All who see me mock me;

They hurl insults, shaking their heads.

"He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him.

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.

Come to my aid when you save them.

Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.

Amen.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded | 429:1,7



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and
7 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion, my shield when



shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed,
I must die; re - mind me of your pas - sion



with thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no
when my last hour draws nigh. My eyes will then be -



glo - ry now from your face does shine; yet, though de -
hold you, up - on your cross will dwell; my heart will



spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.
then en - fold you— who dies in faith dies well!

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; German version, Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, abr. Tune: Hans Leo Hassler, 1546-1612

THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "*Dear woman, here is your son,*" ²⁷ and to the disciple, "*Here is your mother.*" From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

And a sword will pierce your own soul too.

Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?
**Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven
is my brother and sister and mother.**

Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

Amen.

GRADES 1-2 RESPONSE

O Perfect Life of Love | **431:1,5**

O perfect life of love!
All, all is finished now,
all that he left his throne above
to do for us below.

In perfect love he dies;
for me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
you died to make me free!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, abr., alt. Text: Public domain

FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45,46

⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, *"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"*—which means, *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

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

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

"In that day," declares the Sovereign Lord, "I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight."

Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

Amen.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted | 430:1-2



1 Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like



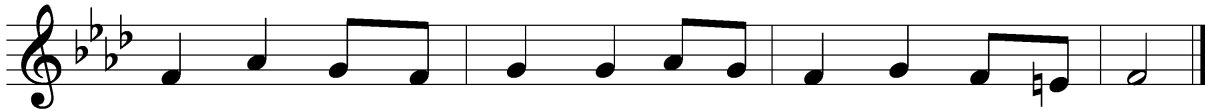
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; yes, my
his, friends through fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in -



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
sult - ing his dis - tress? Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord; proofs I
wound him, none would in - ter - vene to save; but the



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that jus - tice gave.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855, alt. Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, Paderborn, 1850 Text and tune: Public domain

FIFTH WORD

John 19:28,29

²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "*I am thirsty.*"

²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.

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

Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your life when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

Amen.



GRADES 7-8 RESPONSE

Oh, Come, My Soul

Oh, come, my soul, your Savior see
 Nailed to your cross on Calvary.
Your pains he bears; Your thorns he wears
 That yours a crown of life might be.

'Tis yours, my soul, the sin, the shame,
 The cross, the nails, the thirst, the pain;
In agony His blood runs free
 To write in heaven's book your name.

SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "*It is finished.*" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.
**I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.**

Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

Amen.

GRADES 5-6 RESPONSE

The Lamb | **525:1,4**

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! (Refrain)

He sighs, he dies,
he takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
he gives me his own righteousness. (Refrain)

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.

SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "*Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.*" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.
He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

Amen.

ALL GRADES RESPONSE

His Robes for Mine | **568:1,3**

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place he died. (Refrain)

I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise—my all—shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.
 Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.
 Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
 Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. (*Refrain*)

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTION

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Hebrews 7:26-28

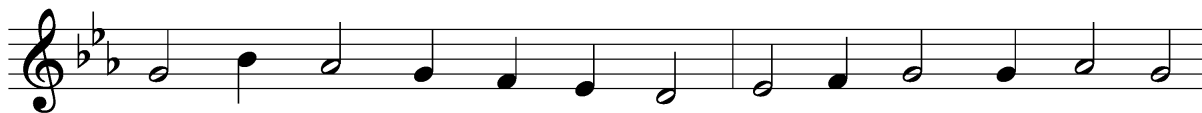
²⁶ Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now | **420:2,5**



2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 5 If my sins give me a - larm and my con - science grieve me,



bonds and stripes and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 let your cross my fear dis - arm, peace of con - science give me.



make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,
 Help me see for - give - ness won by your ho - ly pas - sion.



how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 If for me he slays his Son, God must have com - pas - sion!

BIDDING PRAYER

Kendren: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that, in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Carter: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Clayton: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live a new and holy life, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

David: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Duvan: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Zach: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Gabe: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Carson: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

Silent prayer.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation so that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

James: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

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,**

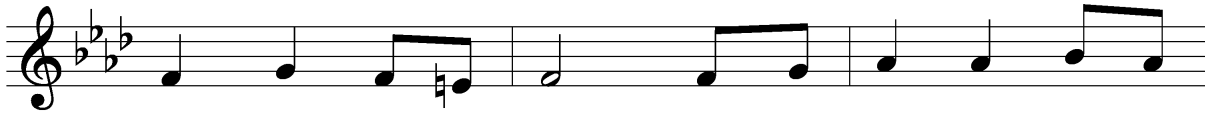
**as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CONGREGATION HYMN

Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor | 437:1-3



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in
3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we



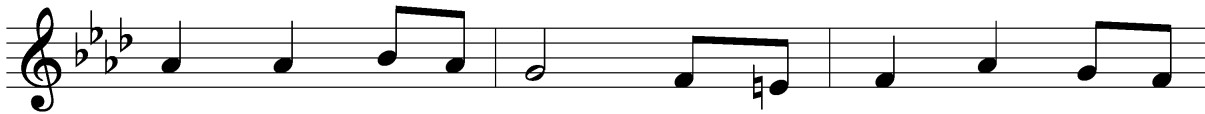
in your bor-rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and
hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er
wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.
mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.
pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.



Pi - late's guards stand watch-ing, wait - ing where they
Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for
Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es



rolled the seal-ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er
you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who
bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.
guards you will not let your death be vain.
morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.

DISMISSAL STATEMENT

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Amen.

The minister exits in silence.

Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.



EASTER SUNDAY AT REDEEMER

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Dawn Service (*outside*)

7:00 a.m. Easter breakfast served

8:00 a.m. Easter Festival Service

9:00 a.m. Easter breakfast served

10:00 a.m. Children's Egg Hunt

10:45 a.m. Easter Festival Service (*same as 8:00 a.m.*)

- ❖ *Please reserve the pews in the back of the church for families with small children.*
- ❖ *Restrooms are located in the entrance area of the church. A changing table is available in the women's restroom.*
- ❖ *A quiet room with a window is available in the entrance area of the church and offers live audio of the service. Parents may use this room to calm a restless child.*
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