



HOLY CROSS LAKE MARY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE – Pastor Chris Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor We gather here to worship God.

**People: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died
for us and to thank God for his love and his mercy**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

HYMN “Lamb of God”



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

CONFESSION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, please hear our confession and pronounce forgiveness in order to fulfill Your will.

People: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God's love dries our tears;
God's forgiveness picks us up;
God's peace embraces us;
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Most merciful God, in silent awe we bow our heads to you. What you endured on our behalf leaves no room for excuses and self-justification, no possibility of repaying the favor. As we keep watch beneath your cross, let us experience the awe that comes from knowing you have loved us with so great a love.

Pastor: Grant us the humility to comprehend how it was that each and every one of us made your suffering necessary.

People: Merciful God, 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 and grant us your grace.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place called "The Skull", there they nailed Jesus to the cross, along with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said "*Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing.*"

THE RESPONSE:

Isaiah 53:6,7,12

Pastor: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each one of us has turned to his own way.

People: and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Pastor: He was oppressed and afflicted;

People: yet he did not open his mouth;

Pastor: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,

People: So he did not open his mouth.

Pastor: He poured out his life unto death,

People: and was numbered with the transgressors.

Pastor: For He bore the sins of many,

People: and made intercession for the transgressors.

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Cantor: *Good Friday Psalmody*

Bell Tolls

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying: "Don't you fear God? Here we are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him, "*I tell you this: Today you will be in Paradise with me.*"

THE RESPONSE:

Psalm 22:6-8

Pastor: But I am a worm and not a man.,

People: Scorned by men and despised by the people.

Pastor: All who see me mock me;

People: They hurl insults, shaking their heads;

Pastor: "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him."

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

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HYMN "O Dearest Jesus, What Law have You Broken?"



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants
 Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.
 quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "*Woman, here is your son.*" Then he said to the disciple, "*Here is your mother.*" And from that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

THE RESPONSE:

Psalm 22:16,17; Isaiah 53:3

Pastor: Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me,

People: They have pierced my hands and my feet.

Pastor: I can count all my bones;

People: People stare and gloat over me.

Pastor: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows:

People: And familiar with suffering.

Pastor: Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised,

People: And we esteemed him not.

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THE FOURTH WORD

Mark 15:33-34

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "*Elo-i, elo-i, lama sabach-thani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

THE RESPONSE:

Psalm 22:1,2; Isaiah 53:4,5

Pastor: My God, My God,

People: Why have you forsaken me?

Pastor: Why are you so far from saving me,

People: So far from the words of my groaning?

Pastor: O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

People: By night, and am not silent.

Pastor: Surely he took up our infirmities

People: And carried our sorrows,

Pastor: Yet we considered him stricken by God,

People: Smitten by him and afflicted.

Pastor: But he was pierced for our transgressions,

People: He was crushed for our iniquities;

Pastor: The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,

People: And by his wounds we are healed.

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SPECIAL MUSIC *Valerie Fosburgh*

Amazing Love

My Lord, what love is this

That pays so dearly

That I, the guilty one

May go free!

Amazing love, O what sacrifice

The Son of God given for me

My debt he pays, and my death he dies

That I might live, that I might live

(Last time only) That I might live!

And so they watched him die

Despised, rejected

But oh, the blood he shed

Flowed for me!

And now, this love of Christ

Shall flow like rivers

Come wash your guilt away

Live again!

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), "*I am thirsty.*"

THE RESPONSE:

Psalm 22:14,15

Pastor: I am poured out like water,

People: And all my bones are out of joint.

Pastor: My heart has turned to wax;

People: It has melted away within me.

Pastor: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,

People: And my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth.

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HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:29-30

A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on a stalk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished".

THE RESPONSE:

Pastor: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,

People: And all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

Pastor: For dominion belongs to the Lord,

People: And he rules over the nations.

Pastor: Posterity will serve him;

People: Future generations will be told of the Lord.

Pastor: They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn

People: For he has done it.

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HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane"



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Lord God, you have given us everything.

People: You have not held anything back.

Pastor: Help us in like manner to give of ourselves, sanctify us in Christ's name.

People: Bless us in all that we think, feel, say, and do, that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others,

Pastor: We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him, saying the prayer that he taught us...

**People: 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: “Were You There When They Crucified my Lord”



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.
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Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
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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 SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
“*Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!*”
And having said this he breathed his last.

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THE CLOSING OF THE TOMB

For your convenience a basket has been placed in the back of the church for your offerings.

Please leave the church in silence. Thank you.

THE LAST SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

Lent is a time that the Church reflects on Christ's Passion and Death in an intensely focused way. After Jesus was nailed to the cross, He spoke 7 short expressions. These statements are now commonly referred to as the "The Seven Last Words." These words are recounted in Sacred Scripture and are found throughout the four Gospels.

Few Christians can recall all seven of Our Lord's last words on the Cross. As you contemplate His Passion and Death this season, remember that these words, although spoken nearly 2,000 years ago at Calvary, were meant for every generation.