

Mount Calvary Sunday Worship
Good Friday
April 15, 2022



Greetings and Welcome!!

Below are some customs that we now observe:

- => The service will also be broadcast on the slides, in addition to this bulletin. **Bold text is spoken by the congregation.**
- => The offering plate is at the back of the Sanctuary. No formal offering will take place during the service, so as you leave feel free to leave your offering in the plate.
- => Communion will take place at the altar. If you prefer to remain in your seat, a communion kit will be provided.

May God Bless you today! Any feedback, please send an email to Linda at LJMorin@gmail.com or call her at (734) 657-7444.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS**

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We gather here to worship God.
We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us.

We gather here in community to look up at the cross.
We gather to remember the love as Jesus stretched his arms.

We gather here to read, listen and reflect.
We gather to feel the love that shines from the cross.

PRAYER

Merciful God - as we remember how your son Jesus went to the cross in love for us, how seven times he spoke - seven words of love, we ask you to bless us all as we gather. Tonight, in the words, music and silence, open our hearts to be filled with the love and grace that we see on the cross. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

On a Hill Far Away

The Old Rugged Cross

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33-34a

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Silence for Mediation

HYMN

LBW #385

What Wondrous Love Is This

- 1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

- 2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down

**beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

[The Message]

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed him: "Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!"

⁴⁰⁻⁴¹ But the other one made him shut up: "Have you no fear of God? You're getting the same as him. We deserve this, but not him—he did nothing to deserve this."

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

⁴³ He said, "Don't worry, I will. Today you will join me in paradise."

Silence for Mediation

HYMN
WOV #740

Jesus, Remember Me (sung 3 times)

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

THE THIRD WORD
John 19:25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Silence for Mediation

HYMN
LBW #123

Ah, Holy Jesus

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

THE FOURTH WORD
Mark 15:33-34

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Silence for Mediation

HYMN
LBW #117

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1 O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

3 What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

Silence for Mediation

DUET - WHAT HAVE THEY DONE?

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THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:29-30a

²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."

Silence for Mediation

HYMN

LBW #109

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
all who feel the tempter's pow'r;
your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away;
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46

⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence for Mediation

HYMN

LBW #92

Were You There

- 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?

BENEDICTION

Depart now in peace - and may the Spirit of Christ, go with you,
may his faith and trust abide within you, and may the knowledge
of his love support you both now and forevermore,

***Adapted from Rev. Richard J. Fairchild - Spirit Networks, 1999-2006*

A Good Friday Worship Service adapted from Rev. Richard and Charlene Fairchild based on the traditional "last seven words" of Christ. Rather than preaching on those words, as is the usual approach, a series of reflections are offered on each word.