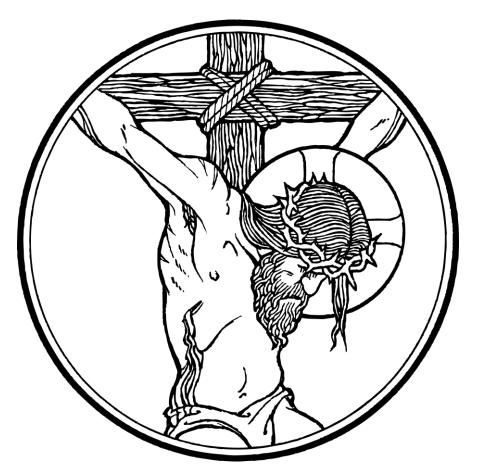
THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

March 29, 2024



Grace Lutheran Church Auburn, Michigan Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Good Friday Tre Ore



All enter the sanctuary in silence.

Ringing of the Bell (12:00 p.m.)

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Introit

Psalm 38:1-4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5



He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in- | iquities;* upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes | we are healed.

O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,* nor discipline me | in your wrath!

For your arrows have sunk | into me,* and your hand has come | down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indig- | nation;* there is no health in my bones because | of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone o- | ver my head;*
like a heavy burden, they are too heav- | y for me.

I confess my in- | iquity;*

I am sorry | for my sin.

Make haste to | help me,*

O Lord, my sal- | vation!

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in- | iquities;* upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes | we are healed.

The First Word: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Musical Offering

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (st. 1-4)

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the last, the dread affray; o'er the cross, the victor's trophy, sound the high triumphal lay, how, the pains of death enduring, earth's Redeemer won the day.

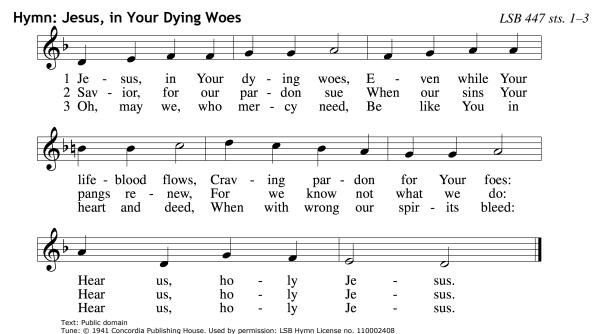
When at length the appointed fulness of the sacred time was come, he was sent, the world's Creator, from the Father's heavenly home, and was found in human fashion, offspring of the virgin's womb.

Now the thirty years are ended which on earth he willed to see, willingly he meets his passion, born to set his people free; on the cross the Lamb is lifted, there the sacrifice to be.

There the nails and spear He suffers, vinegar and gall and reed; from His sacred body pierced blood and water both proceed: precious flood, which all creation from the stain of sin hath freed.

Reading Luke 23:34

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.



Meditation

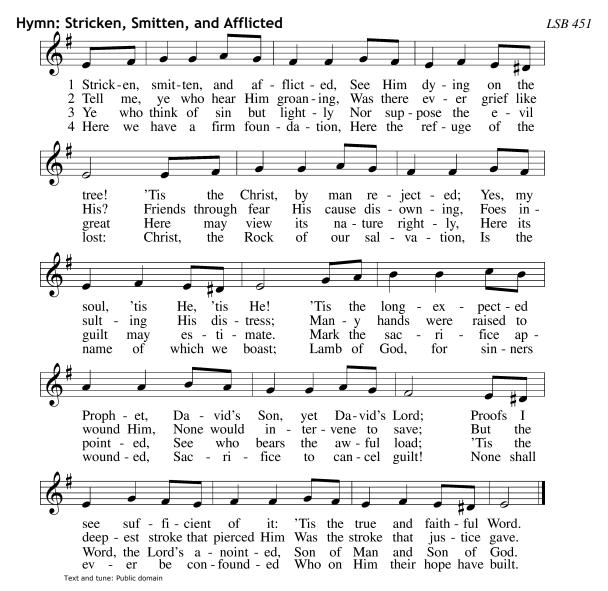
Versicle

- P But with you there is forgiveness,
- that you may be feared.

Collect

Lord Jesus, it was for me that You prayed: "Forgive them!" You suffered because of all my sins and You claimed them as Your very own, so that in the judgment of God You became the greatest sinner of all, yes, sin itself. You have suffered and endured for my good, for my benefit, for my comfort, for my peace, for my redemption, for my welfare, and for my salvation. We give You thanks that we shall not be condemned but shall have eternal life through You.

C Amen.



The Second Word: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Ringing of the Bell (12:30 p.m.)

Musical Offering

Aria – Cesar Franck / arr. Callahan

Reading

And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Hymn: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes LSB 447 sts. 4-6 4 Je the sighs Of the thief. who sus. pit y ing 5 May shame Still we in our guilt and Your love and 6 May in - cline hearts You And their thoughts Your our to You dies. Prom ing is him dise: near par a Call hum - bly mer cy claim, ing on Your name: twine. Cheer with di - vine: en our souls hope cross Hear Je ho 1y us, sus. Hear ho ly Je us, sus. Hear ho ly Je us, sus.

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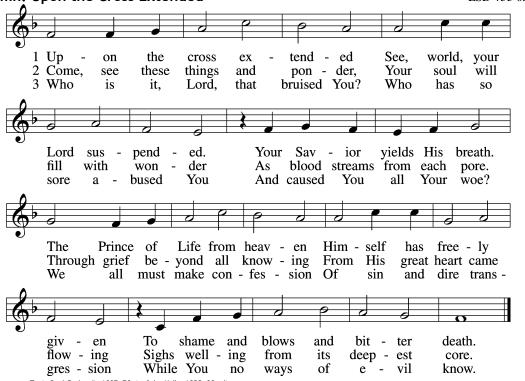
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Meditation

Versicle

- P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

- P Lord Jesus, let me hear, in my dying hour, Your voice saying: "Today you will be with Me in Paradise." Give me the assurance in the days of my health, repeat it to me on my deathbed, and after I have departed let it be fulfilled in me.
- **G** Amen.



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The Third Word: "Woman, behold, your Son! ... Behold, your mother!"

Ringing of the Bell (12:55 p.m.)

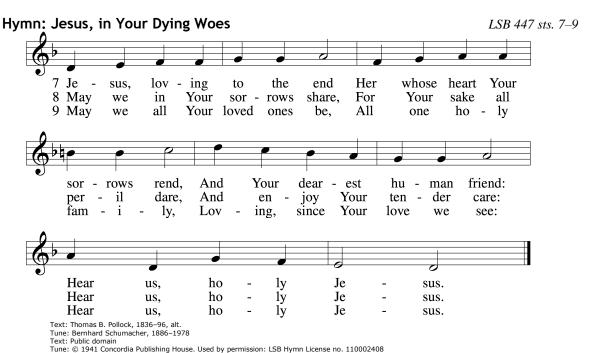
Musical Offering

Stricken, Smitten, & Afflicted – arr. Estera Waid

Reading

John 19:26–27 om he loved standing nearby, he said to his

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.



Meditation

Versicle

- P Behold, how good and pleasant it is
- When brothers dwell in unity!

- Lord Jesus, for me you said: "Behold, your mother!" Although I may stand like Mary beneath the cross, forsaken by all people in my tribulation, You will cordially receive me, have mercy on me, take care of me, help me, and be gracious to me.
- Amen.



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The Fourth Word: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

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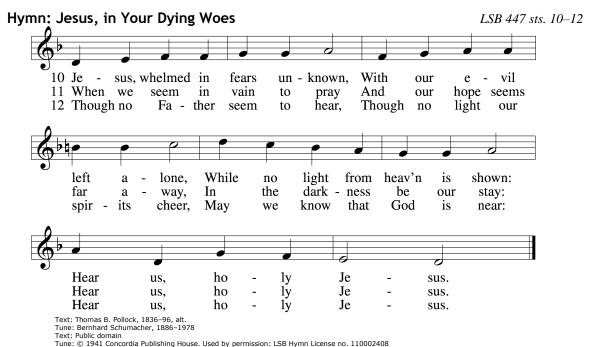
Musical Offering

Ah Holy Jesus - Michael Larkin

Reading

Matthew 27:46

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"



Meditation

Versicle

- P I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
- My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- Lord Jesus, it was for me that You cried: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" that I might never be forsaken not in the hour of death, not in my crosses, not in my affliction, not at the judgment on the Last Day, not in time or in all eternity.
- Amen.



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The Fifth Word: "I thirst."

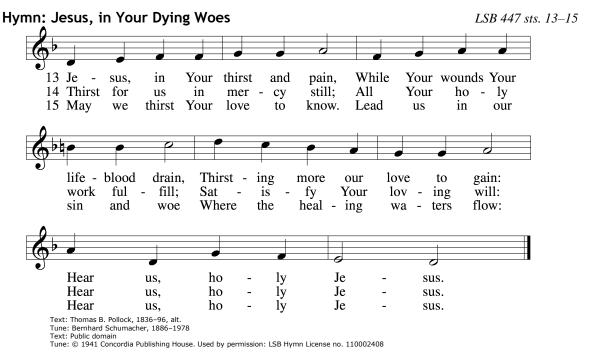
Ringing of the Bell (1:45 p.m.)

Musical Offering

Go to Dark Gethsemane – Robert J. Powell

Reading John 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

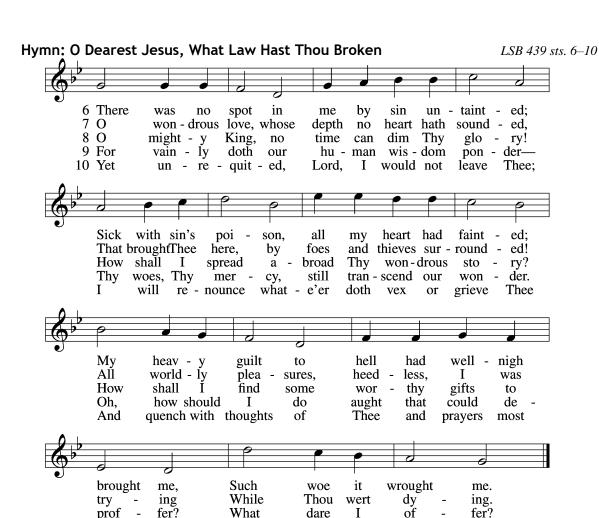


Meditation

Versicle

- P As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
- **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

- Lord Jesus, for me You said: "I thirst." Grant me in turn to embrace You by faith and pant after You as the deer pants after the streams of water, so that I may be delighted and refreshed in Your love.
- Amen.



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The Sixth Word: "It is finished."

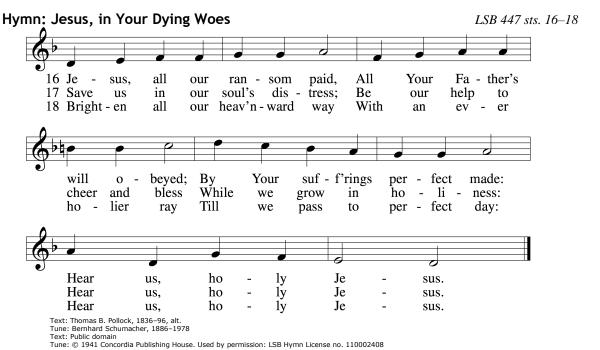
Ringing of the Bell (2:10 p.m.)

Musical Offering

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (text at LSB 683)

Reading John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



Meditation

Versicle

- P Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

- Lord Jesus, for me You said: "It is finished!" Everything has now been done that I ought to have done. All has been suffered that I ought to have suffered. Salvation, life, peace, joy, comfort, bliss, the crown of life, and the white garments have been procured for me.
- Amen.

Hymn: O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken LSB 439 sts. 11–15 my strength will nev - er - more suf - fice 11 But since me 12 I'll up - on Thy mer - cy with - out think ceas ing, 13 What e'er of earth - lv good this life may grant me, 14 But sac - ri - fice, worth - less is my own it; 15 And when, dear Lord, be Thy throne in fore heav en To cru - ci fy de - sires that still en - tice me. That earth's vain joys to me more be pleas ing; no I'll risk for Thee: shame, cross, shall daunt no no me. Yet, for Lord, love's sake Thou wilt not dis - own it; To the me crown of joy last is giv at en, O To good all deeds let Thy Spir it To do Thy will shall be sole my en I shall not fear what foes can do to Thou wilt gift in Thy great ac cept my Where sweet - est hymns Thy saints for er ev win And reign with me in me! deav Hence forth for ev er. or harm me Nor death a larm me. Nor meek ness shame weak ness. my shall raise Thee, I, too, praise Thee.

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The Seventh Word: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

Ringing of the Bell (2:35 p.m.)

Musical Offering

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (st. 5-7)

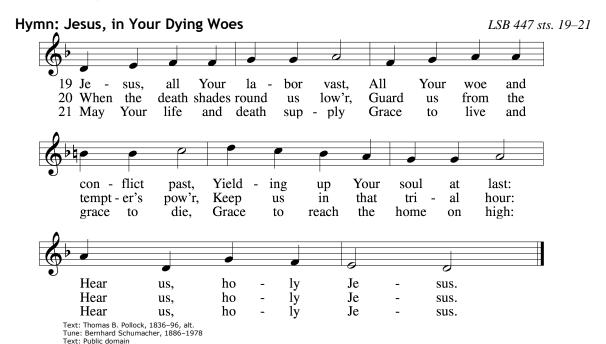
Faithful Cross, above all other, one and only noble Tree, none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be; sweet the wood, and sweet the iron, and thy load, most sweet is he.

Bend, O lofty Tree, thy branches, thy too rigid sinews bend; and awhile the stubborn hardness, which thy birth bestowed, suspend; and the limbs of heaven's high Monarch gently on thine arms extend.

Thou alone was counted worthy this world's Ransom to sustain, that a shipwrecked race for ever might a port of refuge gain, with the sacred Blood anointed of the Lamb for sinners slain.

Reading Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.



Meditation

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Versicle

- **P** Into your hand I commit my spirit;
- **9** you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Collect

- Lord Jesus, Your last word upon the cross shall become a word of comfort and cheer also when I die: "Father into Your hands I commit My spirit!" Thus will I pray, repeating the words after You.
- Amen.



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Prayer

The Bidding Prayer

- A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:
- P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

- A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:
- P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

- Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:
- P Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

- A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:
- P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Joseph, our President; the Congress of the United States; Gretchen, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

- A Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:
- P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

- Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:
- P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

- A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:
- Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

- A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

G Amen.

- A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

- A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
- 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.



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On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be:

Je-sus, cru-ci-fied for me



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion

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