

**Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Worship**  
**Recalling the Seven Last Words of Christ**  
**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m.  
(Please enter in silence.)

A Personal Prayer of Preparation

Covenant God, we bless and thank You for the gift of the meal that Jesus commanded us to share. We thank You for this sign of Your presence with us and Your love for the world that Jesus came to redeem. As we acknowledge the pain of Jesus' sacrifice, we also acknowledge the brokenness of our lives and open ourselves to hope and healing. We long to feast with Jesus in the fullness of the coming kingdom. May our worship tonight deepen our anticipation of that glory. Amen.

The Prelude

*There Is a Fountain*  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Early American melody, arr. Dan Forrest  
Lowell Mason, arr. Dan Forrest

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 53:4-6

Leader: Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrow,

**People: yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.**

Leader: But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;

**People: the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.**

Leader: All we, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to His own way;

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

The Song

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (I Will Arise)*

Joseph Hart  
RESTORATION arr. Patti Drennan

The Litany of Remembrance

Let us remember Jesus:

who, though rich, became poor and dwelt among us,  
who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled,  
who, as a teacher to His disciples, was their companion and servant.

**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.**

Let us remember Jesus,

who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected Him and for the perfecting of those who received Him,  
who loved all people, and prayed for them, even if they denied and rejected Him who hated sin  
because He knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and hatred, both to people and to God.

**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.**

Let us remember Jesus, who humbled Himself, obedient unto the cross.

God has exalted Him who has redeemed us from the bondage of sin and given us new freedom.

**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done and continues to do for us.**

The Song

***Jesus, Messiah***

Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

**THE FIRST WORD**

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

The Reading

Psalm 69:1-21

Prayer on the First Word from the Cross

Almighty God, to whom Your crucified Son prayed for the forgiveness of those who did not know what they were doing, grant that we, too, may be included in that prayer. Whether we sin out of ignorance or intention, be merciful to us and grant us Your acceptance and peace: in the name of Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. Amen.

\*The Hymn

***Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended?***

Johann Heermann, Johann Crüger

**THE SECOND WORD**

"Today you will be with me in Paradise" Luke 23:43

The Reading

John 14:1-6

Prayer on the Second Word from the Cross

O Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to the repentant the joy of paradise, enable us by the Holy Spirit to repent and to receive Your grace in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

The Hymn

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

Stuart Townend, arr. Larry Shackley

**THE THIRD WORD**

"Dear woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother." John 19:26-27

The Reading

Mark 3:31-35

Prayer on the Third Word from the Cross

O Blessed Savior, who in Your hour of greatest suffering expressed compassion for Your mother and made arrangements for her care, grant that we who seek to follow Your example may show our concern for the needs of others, reaching out to provide for those who suffer in our human family. Hear this our prayer for Your mercy's sake. Amen.

The Hymn

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

Keith & Kristyn Getty

### THE FOURTH WORD

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

The Reading

Psalm 22:1-21

Prayer on the Fourth Word from the Cross

Almighty God, who forsook Your Son upon the cross showing the world Your judgment upon human sin and guilt, grant us, upon hearing His cry, the grace to know and believe that we will never be forsaken, that He is present with us even to the end of the age: for the sake of Jesus Christ, who bore our sins on the cross. Amen.

\*The Hymn

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason HAMBURG

### THE FIFTH WORD

"I am thirsty." John 19:28

The Reading

Psalm 88

Prayer on the Fifth Word from the Cross

O blessed Savior, whose lips were dry and whose throat was parched, grant us the water of life that we who thirst after righteousness may find it quenched by Your love and mercy, leading us to bring this same relief to others. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Meaning of the Sacrament and the Invitation

The Communion Prayer

The Bread and Cup Shared

The Song

***Behold the Lamb (The Communion Hymn)***

Keith & Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

### THE SIXTH WORD

"It is finished." John 19:30

The Reading

Luke 13:31-35

Prayer on the Sixth Word from the Cross

O Lord Jesus Christ, who finished the work that You were sent to do, enable us by Your Holy Spirit to be faithful to our call. Grant us strength to bear our crosses and endure our sufferings, even unto death. Enable us to live and love so faithfully that we also become good news to the world, joining Your witness, O Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Hymn

***Were You There?***

Afro-American Spiritual

### THE SEVENTH WORD

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46

The Reading

Luke 2:29-35

Prayer on the Seventh Word from the Cross

Father, into whose hands Your Son Jesus Christ commended His spirit, grant that we too, following His example, may in all of life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into Your faithful hands of love. In the name of Jesus, who gave His life for us all. Amen.

\*The Hymn

***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*** Bernard of Clairvaux, Hans Leo Hassler, arr. Bach

\*Darkness

\*The Benediction

\*The Tolling of the Bell

Please leave this time of worship in quiet reflection on the suffering and death of our Savior.

Plan to return on Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. for the Celebration of the Resurrection!

**Worship Leaders:** Liturgists - Pastor Bud Pratt, Pastor Matt Cook, Doris Kuipers; Organ - Patty Pratt; Piano - Beth Sweers; Ensemble - Holly Bolhouse, Kim Donze, Susan Kooima, Anna Kooima, Jodi Neevel, Barb Nienhuis, Patty Pratt.