

Join us on Facebook at “AndrewChapelUMCVA” for Good Friday Worship
The Seven Last Words – A Tenebrae Service
April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

This Service will also be posted on our webpage at “andrewchapelumc.org”

Here is the Order of Worship for our online worship experience.

[Jesus said] “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”

John 10:10

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 53:1-3)

We gather tonight to worship God.

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

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

He grew up before God 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. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

Like one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” UMH #299. Words: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

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**1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;**

love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Prayer of Invocation

All: 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.

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.

All: Amen.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

The First Word Luke 23:33-34

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

Meditation on the First Word and Extinguishing of the First Candle

Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" UMH #292 (verse 1). Words: USA Folk Hymn. Music: USAM Folk Hymn; harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**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.**

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 into your Kingdom!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you this: Today you will be with me in paradise."

Meditation on the Second Word and Extinguishing of the Second Candle

Hymn "Jesus, Remember Me" UMH #488 (repeat 3 times). Words: Luke 23:42. Music: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taize. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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.

Meditation on the Third Word and Extinguishing of the Third Candle

Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" UMH #297 (verses 1 and 2). Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-186. Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.**

**2. Upon that cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.**

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?"

Meditation on the Fourth Word and Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle

Hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" UMH #286 (verse 1). Words: Anonymous; trans. by Paul Gerhardt and James W. Alexander. Music: Hans L. Hassler, 1564-1612; harm. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!**

The Fifth Word John 19:28

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

Meditation on the Fifth Word and Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle

Special Music

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 branch of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."

Meditation on the Sixth Word and Extinguishing the Sixth Candle

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" UMH #289 (verses 1 and 2). Words: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; trans. by Robert S. Bridges, 1844-1930. Music: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

**1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have 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 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.

Meditation on the Seventh Word and Extinguishing the Seventh Candle

Hymn "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done" UMH#287 (verse 1). Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: Isaac B. Woodbury, 1819-1858. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303. All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

1. O Love divine, what has thou done!

The immortal God hath died for me!

The Father's coeternal Son

bore all my sins upon the tree.

Th' immortal God for me hath died:

My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Responsive Reading (Based on Isaiah 53-4-6,9)

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions and he was bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.

All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, although he had done no violence nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Hymn "Were You There" UMH #288 (verse 1-2). Words: Afro-American Spiritual. Music: Afro-American Spiritual adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986. *Reprinted with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-733303.*

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?

Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, you have given us everything.

You have not held anything back.

Help us in like manner to give of ourselves

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

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

Our Father,

Hymn "Were You There" UMH #288 (verses 3-5). Words: Afro-American Spiritual. Music: Afro-American Spiritual adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986. *All rights reserved. Used with permission under CCLI License #11306163.*

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

The Draping of the Cross

Benediction

And now, 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. Amen.

Postlude

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