

Good Friday

April 2, 2021

Opening Sentences

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. Blessed in the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully all the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

Silent Reflection

The Solemn Intercession and Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

The First Word

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

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The Second Word

Luke 23:39-43

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

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The Third Word

John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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The Fourth Word

Mark 15:34

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?"

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The Fifth Word

John 19:28

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

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The Sixth Word

John 19:30

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

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The Seventh Word

Luke 23:46

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

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Silent Reflection

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

...but you have made a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Let us depart in silence.

Service continues on Easter Sunday.

*Join us on Sunday at 7:00am for an in-person Sunrise Service
in the parking lot at the church, or online at 10:30am.*

Both services will include Holy Communion.