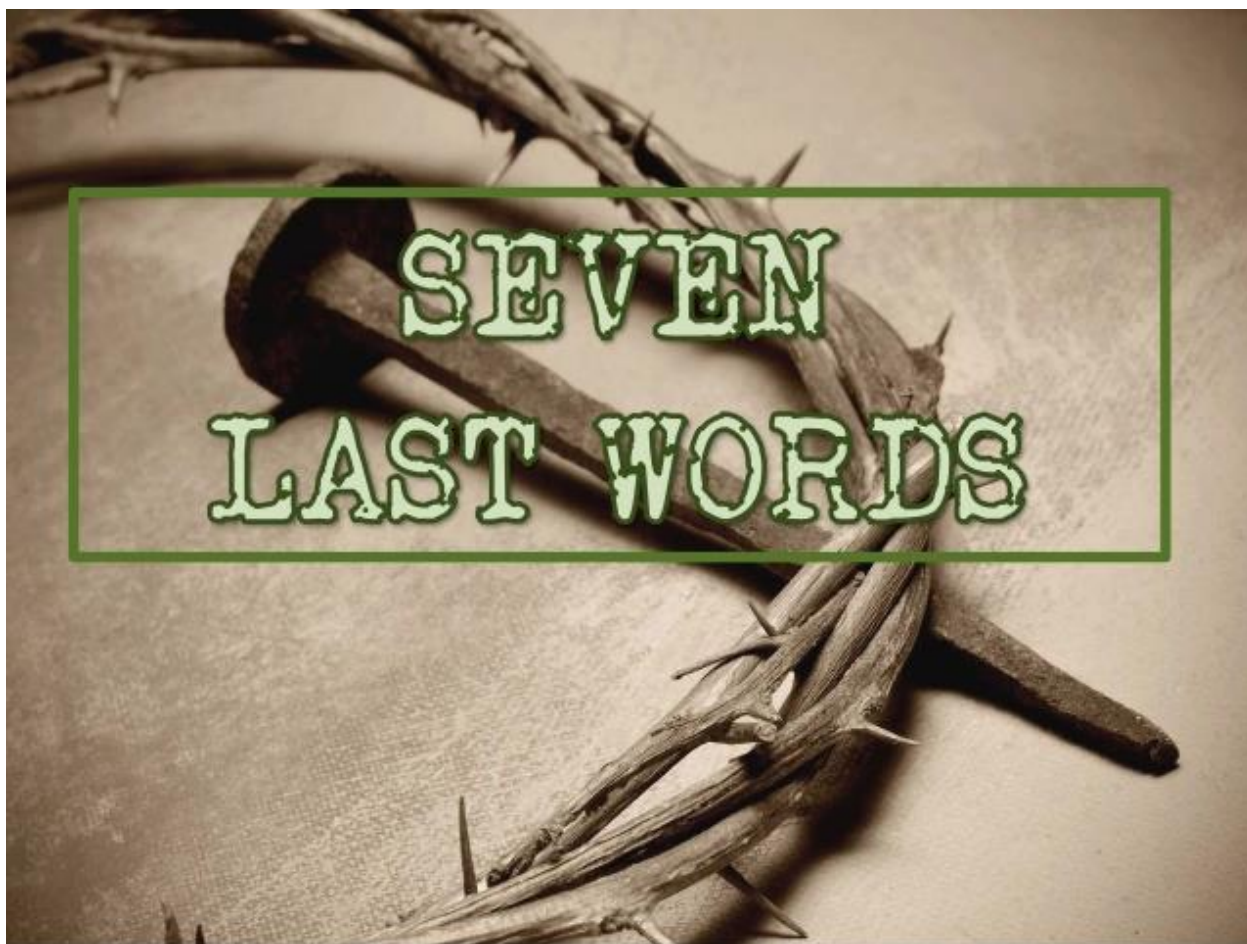


Good Friday – Jesus’ Seven Last Words

April 10, 2020 – 12pm



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Good Friday – Jesus’ Seven Last Words

Prelude

“I Love the Lord” (*Watts*)

Earnest Cox

Introduction

Pastor Cleo

Jesus said, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”
(John 10:10)

The First Word

*Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."
(Luke 23:34)*

Reflection

Carlos Vega

Prayer

Merciful God, we turn to you with amazed joy as forgiven people because Jesus prayed on the cross for us, for all people, for his enemies – those who were mocking him, beating him, and crucifying him. And yet he prayed for forgiveness for us too. Lord, thank you! Give us your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, so that this forgiveness will flow through us to others: those we live with every day, those who have especially wronged us, those we are tempted to fear or to hate. In the name of Jesus, who prayed for us. Amen.

Hymn

"Were You There?" (*Spiritual*)

Carlos Vega

The Second Word

*He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
(Luke 23:43)*

Reflection

Sandy Farnum

Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us, we pray; remember us now, today, and remember us when you come into the fullness of your kingdom. Thank you for the encouragement of your response to the thief on the cross: the promise of paradise, the promise of your presence – that we will be with you forever and that with you there is no forgetting. Amen.

Flute Solo

Excerpt from "Lacrimosa" from
"Requiem in D Minor, K. 626" (*Mozart*)

Sheila Austin

The Third Word

*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."
(John 19:26-27)*

Reflection

Mary Ryder

Prayer

Precious Lord, we are a community bound together by the saving blood of Jesus, transcending all the barriers of national boundaries, of race, of culture, of language – one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth. May we be true to Jesus' good work on the cross, loving and caring for one another in your church, whoever the brother or sister in Christ may be. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Hymn

"Journey to Gethsemane" (*Redhead*)

Earnest Cox

The Fourth Word

*And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"
that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
(Matthew 27:46)*

Reflection

Jermaine Pearson

Prayer

What wondrous Love is this: O my soul, that Jesus would take our place on the cross, experiencing the curse, the abandonment, the God-forsakenness warranted by our sin. Thank you, Lord, that Jesus experienced God-forsakenness for us so that we will never be forsaken by God but will always enjoy God's nearness and blessing. We pray in the name of our precious Redeemer, Amen.

Hymn

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" (*arr. Williams, Jr.*) Earnest Cox

The Fifth Word

*After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished,
he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."
(John 19:28)*

Reflection

Tracey Griffing

Prayer

O God! It breaks our hearts to think of the suffering and torment that Jesus went through on the cross. Jesus, the Living Water, suffering thirst – for us. Jesus, the Righteous One, suffering the pangs of hell – for us. May we on this day, again and again drink deeply from the well of living water that began to flow when Jesus' blood was shed and his body was broken, so that our lives may be refreshed even unto life eternal. Amen.

Hymn

"As the Deer" (*Nystrom*)

Tracey Griffing

The Sixth Word

*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
(John 19:30 NSRV)*

Reflection

Valerie Tutson

Prayer

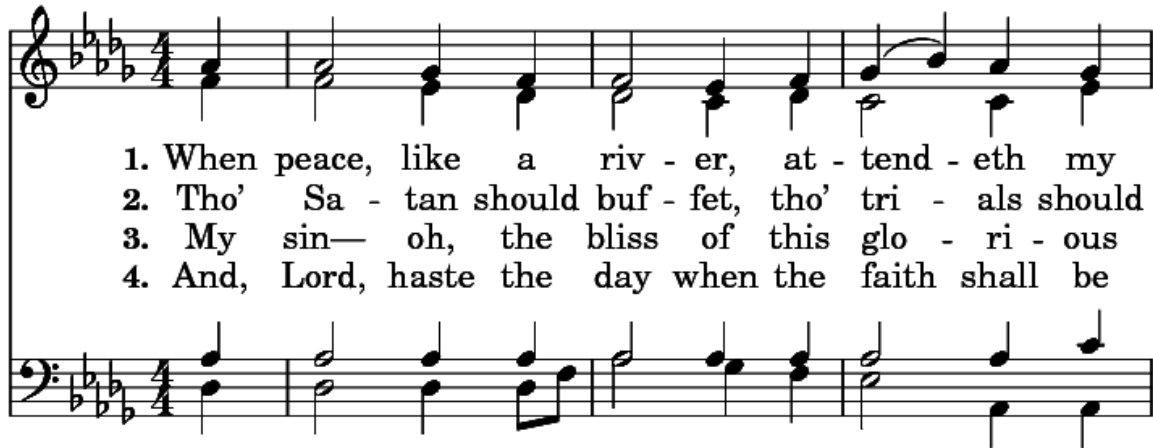
Lord God, with Jesus' work finished, accomplished, completed on the cross, what is left for us but to give ourselves in gratitude to you? And so we give ourselves to you, Lord – body and soul, all that we are, all that we have – as a living sacrifice of praise. Into your hands we commit our spirits and our lives. Receive us, accept this offering in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul" (*Spafford*)

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It Is Well with My Soul



1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

4
 way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; What-
 come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That
 tho't: My sin not in part, but the whole Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The

8
 ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is
 Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, And hath
 nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the
 trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall descend, "E - ven

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MUSIC (VILLE DU HAVRE, Irregular): Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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well, it is well with my soul.
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The Seventh Word

*Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
(Luke 23:46)*

Reflection

Earnest Cox

Prayer

Father of Jesus, our Father for Jesus' sake, we pray that the childlike awe and trust Jesus exhibited on the cross would become ours also. We pray that we will trust you no matter what, knowing that in your good, strong hands, we are eternally secure. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Hymn

"On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)"
(Bennard)

Earnest Cox

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Pastor Cleo

Postlude

"Volunteer"

Earnest Cox

Etiquette for Our Online Gatherings

In using Zoom, our online videoconference platform, for meetings and gatherings, please keep in mind:

- When you join in, you can choose to use just audio, just video, or both.
- If your computer has speakers, you'll be able to hear, but won't be heard.
- If your computer has a microphone and speakers, you'll be able to hear and be heard.
- If your computer has a camera, you'll be able to be seen.
- If your computer doesn't have speakers and a microphone, you can call in separately; the invitation to each gathering will include a phone number specific to that meeting. Note that the phone numbers are not toll-free so if you're calling from a landline or a cell phone without unlimited talk/text, there likely will be a charge the call.

When you first log in to your gathering, you will be muted; scroll down to the lower left corner of your screen to unmute when, for example, it's time to say prayers in unison. Scroll down and press "mute" again after to minimize distracting background noises. Please remain muted unless you are speaking.

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Easter Sunday Worship

All are invited to join us Sunday at 10am for an extraordinary celebration of Easter! This year's worship will look a little different, yet the love and joy that are a hallmark of the season will be with us in abundance.

- Join at <https://zoom.us/j/594289087>
- Or, dial in (646-558-8656) and enter Meeting ID (594 289 087)

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