

Jesus' Last Seven Words

- "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?"
- "Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing?"
- "Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother"
- "I am thirsty"
- "It is finished!"
- "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

Time at the cross and reflection!

"The Old Rugged Cross" UMH#504

While we sing I encourage you to write what you have done wrong and come forward and nail your sins to the cross.

The cross is covered!

Benediction

As we depart from this place, may we carry with us the knowledge that even in the darkest of moments, God's love and grace are always with us. May we never forget the sacrifice that was made for us on this day, and may it inspire us to live lives of faith and service.

Good Friday Service April 7, 2023



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Lighting of the Seven Candles

Word of Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We gather tonight in the shadow of the cross.

P: Evil abounds. Jesus goes forth to suffer and die.

L: How we tremble with fear!

P: How we weep.

L: Why have we forsaken Him?

P: Why have we betrayed and run from his Passion?

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Prayer

Gracious God, on this solemn day, we come before you with heavy hearts, mindful of the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross for our salvation. As we reflect on the suffering and death of your son, we are reminded of the depth of your love for us. We pray that you would help us to truly comprehend the magnitude of this sacrifice, and to respond with gratitude and reverence. May this service be a time of deepening faith and spiritual renewal for all who are gathered here. Grant us the courage and strength to take up our own crosses and follow in the footsteps of your son, Jesus Christ. May we be ever mindful of the sacrifice that he made for us, and may we live our lives in a way that honors that sacrifice. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Opening Hymn

UMH#294

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Scripture

Luke 23:44-49 (NIV)

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Message

“Testimony of the Death of Christ”

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Hymn

“Are Ye Able”

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