



The  
**LAST WORDS**  
OF CHRIST



**March 13, 2022**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

“The time has come; the Kingdom of God is near.  
Repent and believe the Good News.” (Mark 1:15)

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!

**People: The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!**

Leader: O people, repent! Believe in the gospel!

**People: Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!**

## Praise and Prayer

### We Praise You

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## Prayer of Confession

### God Really Loves Us

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## Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail, Realm, and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/>. Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates in the Narthex.)

## Scripture Reading

### Luke 23:32-33, 39-43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

### The Second Word

*“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”*  
2nd in a Lenten Series on the Last Words of Christ

## Personal Testimony

## Prayers of the People

## The Lord's Prayer

## Closing Song

## God With Us

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## Blessing

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Announcements  
Sermon  
Worship Leader & Prayers  
Scripture Readers  
Personal Testimony  
Contemporary Pianist  
Worship Band Members

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
Ed Burton, Youth & Family Minister  
Greg Buell, Associate Pastor  
Carolyn Vogel (9:30); Spencer Lundgaard (11:00)  
Rebecca Boston  
Jim Peterson (9:30)  
Carl Tobias (acoustic guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer)  
Greg Dill, Erin Gosser, Susan Mathein, Matt Parks,  
Ellen Westel (vocals)  
Sharon Peterson (11:00)  
Leo Radosavljevic (11:00)

Organist  
Anthem

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# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

"The time has come; the Kingdom of God is near.  
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## Prelude

### **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

(Ghanian folk song, arr. Robert Powell)

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## Opening Hymn

### **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

#579

## Responsive Reading:

### **Psalm 51:4-6**

Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;

**So you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.**

Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Response**

**Glory Be to the Father**

**#961**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

**Anthem**

**God Shall Wipe Away All Tears**

(Composer: Arthur Sullivan)

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 23:32-33, 39-43**

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All: **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**The Second Word**

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**Personal Testimony**

**Music for Reflection**

**O Lord, Be Merciful**

(Homer Bartlett)

**Doxology**

**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn**

**What Wondrous Love**

**#164**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Sabbath Postlude**

(Alfred Hollins)

## Reflection Questions

**Text: Luke 23: 32-33 and 39-43**

<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> He replied, **"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."**

Last Word #1: **"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."**

Last Word #2 **"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."**

This series, more than others, focuses our attention of the depths of God's love demonstrated on the cross. As you read the text individually or in a small group, reflect upon the following questions?

1. Answer one of these questions.
  - a. Write down or share what is on your mind this week before you read or listen to the scripture.
  - b. If you were in worship on Sunday, to what degree were you fully present in worship - not distracted by outside influences?
2. When I read or heard this text, what are a few things I noticed about the circumstances surrounding Christ's word from this portion of scripture? A study Bible is useful.
3. If you had a chance to listen to the message or if you only read the text, what seemed to either inspire, comfort, challenge, or even irritate you about the message or text?
4. When I hear these last words of Jesus, what might the Holy Spirit be asking of me in response to what Jesus said in the text?

### **Prayer:**

Spend a few minutes in prayer lifting to God what the Spirit has revealed to you and asking for direction in how to take the next step of faith in your discipleship. To help you get started, open your prayer by saying the following.

Gracious God...

In Jesus Name, Amen.