



The
LAST WORDS
OF CHRIST



March 6, 2022
1st 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

The Lord Our God

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Prayer of Confession

One Thing Remains

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Announcements

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leave their donations in the offering plates in the Narthex.)

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:32-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The First Word

“Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”
1st in a Lenten Series on the Last Words of Jesus

Personal Testimony

Response

Come to the Altar

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The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Song

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Blessing

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude

Calvary
(Richard Billingham)

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Opening Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

#132

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;

**According to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.**

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord.

(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

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling

(David Cherwien)

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Personal Testimony

Music for Reflection

Come Unto Him

(James P. Dunn)

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.

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Lamb of God, Pure & Holy

(Flor Peeters)

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Closing Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

#175

Benediction

Postlude

O Jesus, My Joy

(Johann G. Walther)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Worship Leader/Liturgy
Scripture Readers
Personal Testimony
Contemporary Pianist
Worship Band Members

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Carl Tobias (electric guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer)
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Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Village Church Choir (11:00)
Angela De Venuto (11:00)

Organist
Anthem
Soloist

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Reflection Questions

The Last Words of Jesus Christ

The last words with someone you love are significant. When my mother died several years ago from cancer, I cherished the final moments we had with one another. We shared last words, thoughts, hopes, and even some dreams for each other. These final words are still significant since they influence my life today. As we shift into the season of Lent, the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, we are taking an in-depth look at the last words of Jesus Christ on the cross, traditionally known as the *Seven Last Words of Christ*. As we lean in to listen to Jesus, I hope that we will hear the depths of God's love to reconcile us to himself, thereby giving us greater confidence to live as disciples in our neighborhoods and places of work.

Text: Luke 23:32-38

32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. **33** When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus[e] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. **34** Then Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.**" And they cast lots to divide his clothing. **35** And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah[g] of God, his chosen one!" **36** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, **37** and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" **38** There was also an inscription over him,[h] "This is the King of the Jews."

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

This series, more than others, focuses our attention of the depths of God's love demonstrated on the cross. As you participate in worship today, ask yourself the following questions?

1. To what degree was I fully present in worship today? What was helpful, and what seemed to get in the way? How can I better prepare for worship in a different way?
2. When I listen to this message, what are a few things I learned about God from this portion of scripture?
3. When I listened to the message, what seemed to inspire, comfort, challenge, or even irritate me?
4. When I hear this message, what might the Holy Spirit ask of me in response to the message?

Prayer:

Spend a few minutes in prayer lifting up what the Spirit has revealed to you and asking for direction in taking the next step in your discipleship.

Gracious God...

In Jesus Name, Amen.