



The
LAST WORDS
OF CHRIST



April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday

Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9)

Welcome

Call to Worship based on Zech. 9:9 and Ps. 118:26

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
Humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Praise and Prayer

Alive & Breathing

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Shout Hosanna

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Prayer of Confession

Christ Be Magnified

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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.)

Welcome New Members

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 23: 44-49

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The 7th Word

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”
6th in a Lenten Series on the Last Words of Christ

Children’s Anthem

I Can Only Imagine

CCLI Song # 2978857; Bart Millard; arr. Brian Green

Closing Song

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

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Blessing

Traditional Service - 11:00 am

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Prelude

The Gate of Jerusalem

(George Blake)

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Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor

(Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 118:1; 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
The LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.
LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.
The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand,

join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
**You are my God,
and I will praise you;**
You are my God,
and I will exalt you.
**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace, humbled yourself and gave yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'" On Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!" We confess our praise is also often empty. As the crowd laid their palms in front of you, you took no glory for yourself. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way. We do not stay true to your will. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to follow in the way of obedience.
(All may offer their personal prayers of confession silently.)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father

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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.

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Music for Reflection

Ride On, King Jesus

(Spiritual, arr. by Davis & Key)

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

Oh, to See the Dawn

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Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"
(Vicki Collinsworth)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon

Spencer Lundgaard

Worship Leader

Luke Stoner

Scripture Reader

Greg Buell

Prayers of the People

Rich Blue (9:30); Greg Buell (11:00)

Contemporary Pianist

Jim Peterson (piano)

Worship Band Members

Christine Cheung (synthesizer), Michael Brennan (drums),
Erin Gosser (vocals)

Organist

Sharon Peterson (11:00)

Anthem

Village Church Children's Choir (9:30 & 11:00)

Musical Reflection

Laura Boguslavsky (11:00)

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Reflection Questions

Text: Luke 23:44-49

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land[□] until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, **"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."** Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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."**

Last Word #3: **"Woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother."**

Last Word #4: **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

Last Word #5 & #6: **"I am thirsty." And "It is finished."**

Last Word #7: **"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."**

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.