

March 29, 2024

# Good Friday

7:00 P.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We gather here to worship God.

**People: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us and to thank God for God's love and mercy.**

Leader: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**People: He grew up before God like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.**

Leader: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

**People: Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

## Hymn

*On a Barren Hilltop*

Insert

## Prayer of Invocation

Leader: Let us pray:

**People: Merciful God, as we remember how your son Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, how seven times he spoke, seven words of love, we ask you to bless our hearing.**

Leader: Father, as we recall how all three hours of His silence cried for mercy on the souls of all, we ask you to help us to understand the mystery of your love.

**People: Amen.**

## The Seven Last Words of Jesus

### The First Word

*Luke 23:33-34*

Meditation

### The Second Word

*Luke 23:39-43*

Meditation

## Hymn

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Insert

### The Third Word

*John 19:25-27*

Meditation

### The Fourth Word

*Mark 15:33-34*

Meditation

### Anthem

*Were You There?*

arr. Kevin McChesney

Bell Quartet

### The Fifth Word

*John 19:28*

Meditation

### The Sixth Word

*John 19:29-30*

Meditation

### The Seventh Word

*Luke 23:46*

Meditation

## Silence

## Responsive Reading

*Isaiah 53:4-6, 9*

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

**People: But he was wounded for our transgressions and he was bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.**

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

**People: He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, although he had done no violence nor was any deceit in his mouth.**

## Prayer of Dedication

Leader: Lord God, you have given us everything.

**People: You have not held anything back**

Leader: Help us in like manner to give of ourselves.

**People: Sanctify us in Christ's name. Bless us and all that we think, feel, say and do that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others.**

Leader: We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him, saying the prayer that he taught us...

**People: Our Father, ...**(The Lord's Prayer – debts/debtors)

## Hymn

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

# 178

(Please leave the service in silence)

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

# 178

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;  
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn,  
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain.  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place.  
Look on me with Thy favor; vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.



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