



SEVEN
Last
Words
FROM THE
CROSS

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We are not using the screen tonight.
Please use this bulletin, the green songbooks and red hymnals
as we proceed through the service.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Prelude: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Michael Burkhardt

Call to Worship (responsive)

Isaiah 53:1-3

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We gather here to worship God.

We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us and to thank God for his love and his mercy.

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

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

There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. People looked down on him. He was not someone you might ask to be your friend. He was a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand.

**One look at him and people turned away. He was like dirty water,
thrown out behind the barn.**

The Communion Elements Are Removed in Silence

***Hymn:** *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Red Hymnal 161:1-3

***Prayer of Invocation (responsive)**

Let us pray.

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

Father, as we recall Jesus' suffering and death we ask you to help us to understand the mystery of your love, and form us into a people who are ever more worthy of it.

Amen.

***We Receive God's Blessing**

*Please stand if you are able.

The First Word: Luke 23:33-34

³³ When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

Meditation on the First Word

Extinguishing the Candle

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Hymn: *What Wondrous Love*

Red Hymnal 164:1,2

The Second Word: Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him,

"Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die?"

⁴¹ We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

Meditation on the Second Word

Extinguishing the Candle

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Hymn: *Jesus, Remember Me* (sing 3x)

Red Hymnal 169

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The Third Word: John 19:25-27

²⁵ Jesus' mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood near the cross. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Meditation on the Third Word

Extinguishing the Candle

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

***Hymn:** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Red Hymnal 167:2,3

The Fourth Word: Mark 15:33-34

³³ From noon until three in the afternoon the whole earth was dark.

³⁴ At three, Jesus cried out with a loud shout, “*Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani,*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

Meditation on the Fourth Word

Extinguishing the Candle

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

***Hymn:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Red Hymnal 168:1,2

The Fifth Word: John 19:28

²⁸ After this, knowing that everything was already completed, in order to fulfill the scripture, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

Meditation on the Fifth Word

Extinguishing the Candle

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

***Hymn:** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Red Hymnal 175:1,2

The Sixth Word: John 19:29-30

²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was nearby, so the soldiers soaked a sponge in it, placed it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. ³⁰ When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, “It is completed.” Bowing his head, he gave up his life.

Meditation on the Sixth Word

Extinguishing the Candle

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Red Hymnal 175:3,4

The Seventh Word: Luke 23:46

⁴⁶ Crying out in a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I entrust my life." After he said this, he breathed for the last time.

Meditation on the Seventh Word

Extinguishing the Candle

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

*Hymn: *Oh, to See the Dawn*

Red Hymnal 177:1,3, refrain 4

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 53:4-7, 9

The fact is, it was our pains he carried, our failures, our sin.

We thought he had brought this pain and sorrow on himself, but no, it was all ours that he carried for us. He did not deserve this death.

We did.

He was ripped by lashes, torn by thorns crushed on his head, receiving our punishment, as a result, we have been healed and made whole again.

We're all like sheep that wander and get lost in the wilderness. We've all done what we wanted, gone off in directions we thought best, completely ignoring God's will for our lives. He was led off and killed for us, beaten bloody for our sins.

They buried him with the wicked, threw him in a grave with a rich man, even though he had never hurt a soul, or said a word that was not true.

*Hymn: *Were You There*

Red Hymnal 166:1-2

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, you have given us everything.

You have not held anything back.

Help us to live like you, holding nothing back in our service to God's Kingdom.

Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others.

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,**

**¹⁰ your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

**¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.**

**¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.**

for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Hymn: *Were You There

Red Hymnal 166:3-4

The Christ Candle Is Carried Out

***Benediction**

*Leave in peace—may the Spirit of Christ, go with you,
may his faith and trust abide within you,
may the knowledge of his love support you both now and forevermore.*

We Leave in Silence

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*This service was adapted from a service
prepared by Rev. Richard and Charlene Fairchild.*
