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The Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland

The Rev. Jessie MacMillan *Church of the Covenant* 

The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft St. Paul's Episcopal Church

#### Music

St. Paul's Senior Choir Kevin Jones, *Director and Organist* 

# WELCOME

During this service of prayer, readings, meditations and music, we stand at the foot of the Cross, "the emblem of suffering and shame," as we marvel at the mystery that the Son of God, who took on human flesh in Jesus Christ, died for us.

Throughout the service, the choir will present Théodore Dubois's cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

Offering plates may be found at the entrances to the church. The Good Friday offering will be given to the Heights Emergency Food Center.

Prelude

Introduction (Seven Last Words) Emily Stauch, soprano Théodore Dubois

O ye people who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me: was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow? For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me. Call me now no more Naomi, from today call me Mara.

# The First Word

# Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing Luke 23:34

Kneel

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



#### Psalm 102:4-9 Sit

- 4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, \* so that I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 Because of the voice of my groaning \* I am but skin and bones.
- 6 I have become like a vulture in the wilderness, \* like an owl among the ruins.
- 7 I lie awake and groan; \*
  I am like a sparrow, lonely on a house-top.
- 8 My enemies revile me all day long, \* and those who scoff at me have taken an oath against me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes for bread \* and mingled my drink with weeping.

Passion Reading Luke 23:33–34

**MEDITATION** 

Pastor Dillon Shipman
Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ

SEVEN LAST WORDS

1. Pater, dimitte

Dubois

Joel Kincannon, Rowan Taymuree, soloists

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

And the people clamor'd: He is death-guilty; take him, take him, let us crucify him!

Be his blood on us, and on our children!

Then they did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves, one at His right hand, the other at His left hand.

# The Second Word

# Today you will be with me in paradise Luke 23:43

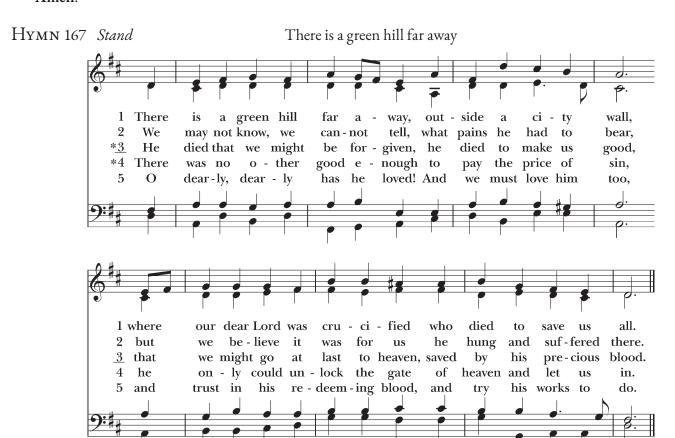
Horsley

#### Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake.

Amen.



#### Psalm 40:1-6 Sit

- 1 I waited patiently upon the LORD; \* he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \* he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \* many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \* they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! \* there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \* but they are more than I can count.

Passion Reading Luke 23:32, 39–43

**MEDITATION** 

The Rev. Lindsay Harren-Lewis Fairmount Presbyterian Church

SEVEN LAST WORDS

2. Hodie mecum eris

Dubois

Rowan Taymuree, Joel Kincannon, soloists

Verily thou shalt be in Paradise today with me. Amen, so I tell thee. Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.

# The Third Word

# Woman, here is your son: here is your mother *John 19:26–27*

#### Kneel

## Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.



#### PSALM 27:1-6 Sit

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*
  the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \* it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, \* yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, \* yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; \* that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD\* and to seek him in his temple.

Passion Reading John 19:25–27

MEDITATION The Rev. Lukas Laniauskas, SJ

Church of the Gesu

SEVEN LAST WORDS

3. Mulier, ecce filius tuus

Dubois

Joel Kincannon, Emily Stauch, Rowan Taymuree, soloists

See, O woman! here behold thy son beloved. See yon mother, bow'd in anguish Who beside the cross doth languish, Where on high her son is borne;

Is there mortal, who not feeleth To behold her where she kneeleth, So woeful, and all forlorn?

# The Fourth Word

# My God, my god, why have you forsaken me?

Mark 15:34 & Matthew 27:46

#### Kneel

Let us pray.

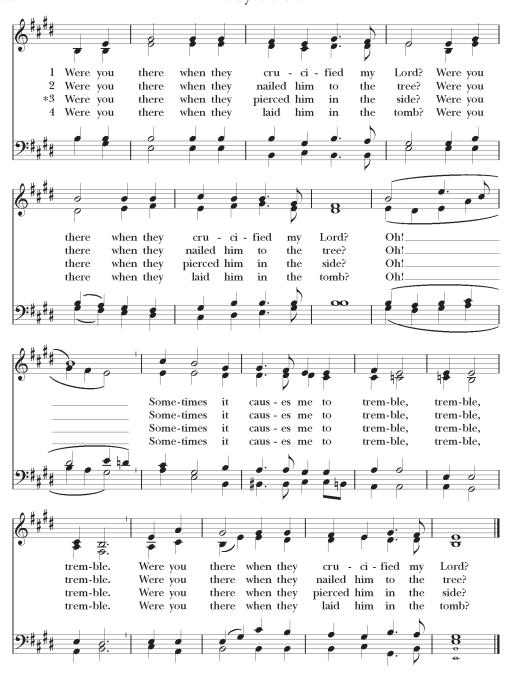
O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

HYMN 172 Stand

Were you there

Were You There



# PSALM 22:1-2, 7-11 Sit

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \* and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \* by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \* they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; \* let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \* and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \* you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \* and there is none to help.

Passion Reading Matthew 27:45–46

MEDITATION

The Rev. Andy Call

Church of the Saviour

SEVEN LAST WORDS

4. *Deus, meus* Joel Kincannon, soloist

Dubois

God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?

All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me, and they that hate me do now prevail against me; and he whom I have cherished, he hath betray'd me.

Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted: wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness, that I by thee am crucified?

A time of silence is kept.

Please wait to enter or leave the worship space until the next hymn.

# The Fifth Word

I AM THIRSTY

John 19:28

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



#### PSALM 42:1-7 Sit

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \* so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \* when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, \* while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*
  how I went with the multitude and led them into the
  house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \* among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \* and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; \*
  for I will yet give thanks to him,
  who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Passion Reading John 19:28–29

**MEDITATION** 

The Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland

SEVEN LAST WORDS 5. Sitio! Dubois

Joel Kincannon, Rowan Taymuree, soloists

I am athirst!

And the crowd then passing by him, all did rail upon him, and wagging their heads at him, they said unto him: Bah! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple; if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father, now from the cross descend thou, that we behold it, and believe on thee when we behold it. If thou art king over Israel, save thyself, then!

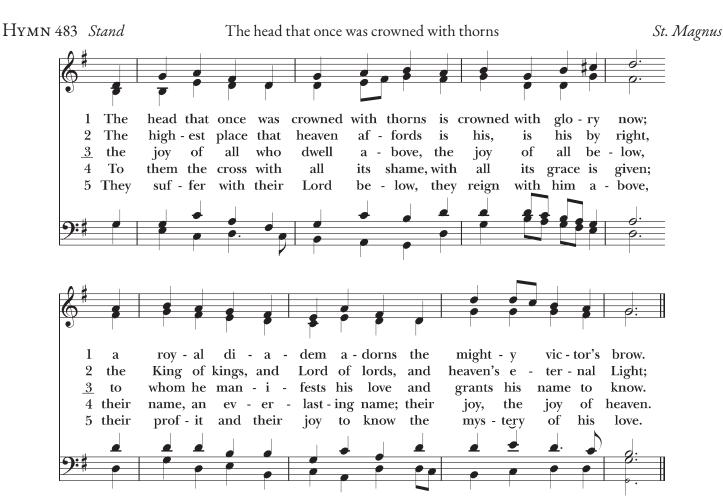
# The Sixth Word

# Father, into your hands I commend my spirit Luke 23:46

#### Kneel

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

#### PSALM 130 Sit

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; \* let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \* O LORD, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \* therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \* in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \* more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \* for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \* and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Passion Reading Luke 23:44–46

MEDITATION

The Rev. Jessie MacMillan

Church of the Covenant

SEVEN LAST WORDS

6. *Pater, in manus tuus* Rowan Taymuree, soloist Dubois

Father, into Thy hands I commend my soul. For Thou art my God and my Father; Thou art my Savior. Into Thy hands I commend my soul.

# The Seventh Word

# It is finished

John 19:30

#### Kneel

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Hymn 474 Stand



Rockingham

#### Psalm 31:1-5 Sit

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \* deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \* make haste to deliver me.

- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \* for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \* for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \* for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

Passion Reading John 19:30

**MEDITATION** 

The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SEVEN LAST WORDS

7. Et clamans Jesu

Dubois

Emily Stauch, Joel Kincannon, Rowan Taymuree, soloists

And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming: "It is finished!" And He did bow His head, and rendered up His spirit.

And it was about the sixth hour; and the sun was darkened, and darkness covered the earth, until about the ninth hour; and the veil of the temple was rent, and all the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent, and all the graves were opened wide.

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever; for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

# THE PRAYERS Kneel

Jesus, agonizing in the Garden, Have mercy on us. Jesus, betrayed with a kiss, Have mercy on us. Jesus, condemned by the High Priest, Have mercy on us. Jesus, denied by your disciples, Have mercy on us. Jesus, enduring blows and spitting, Have mercy on us. Jesus, filled with shame and sorrow, Have mercy on us. Jesus, given no rest, Have mercy on us. Jesus, hauled before Pilate, Have mercy on us. Jesus, disparaged by the Chief Priests, Have mercy on us. Jesus, ridiculed by Herod, Have mercy on us. Jesus, kept and scourged while Barabbas was released, Have mercy on us. Jesus, led away to Calvary, Have mercy on us. Jesus, made to carry your Cross, Have mercy on us. Jesus, nailed to the Cross, Have mercy on us. Jesus, offered wine mingled with myrrh, Have mercy on us. Jesus, praying for your enemies, Have mercy on us. Jesus, misquoted by the priests, Have mercy on us. Jesus, taunted by the thieves, Have mercy on us. Jesus, saying, Why have you forsaken me? Have mercy on us. Jesus, thirsting and given vinegar to drink, Have mercy on us. Jesus, uttering a loud cry and giving up your spirit, Have mercy on us. Jesus, wrapped in linen and laid in the grave, Have mercy on us. Jesus, descended to the dead, Have mercy on us.

Kyrie Eleison Lord, have mercy S96, Franz Schubert



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The tower bell tolls thirty-three times, by tradition Jesus' age at the time of the Crucifixion.

Silence is kept as people remain for prayer or depart.

## The story of The Great Three Days continues with these services:

Good Friday Stations of the Cross for Families, 5:30 p.m.

The Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday Prayer Book Liturgy, 10 a.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter, at Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, 8 p.m.

Easter Day Holy Eucharist, 7:30, 9, 11:15 a.m.

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Senior Choir Kevin Jones, Director

Organist Kevin Jones

Ushers Don Burck, Emil Chuck, Pam O'Halloran

Carillonneur David Osburn
Livestream Operator Charles Parsons

## St. Paul's Senior Choir

Sopranos: Susan Barkett, Nell Davidson, Susan Gray, Karen Ling, Liz Rodems, \*Sandra Simon,

\*Emily Stauch, Molly Urban

Altos: \*Caroline Carter, Kari Collier, Bonnie Gunzenhauser, \*Kameryn Lueng,

Amanda Matthews, Michele Smolin, Meg Weingart

Tenors: Jason Chance, Gabriel Lawrence, Jim Pintner, \*Rowan Taymuree, \*Joel Kincannon Basses: Joseph Bellissimo, John Blackwell, \*Jonathan Clark, Daniel Colaner, David Gilson

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