

The Church of St. Barnabas
in Episcopal Diocese of New York



The Liturgy for Good Friday
The Seven Last Words

April 2, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

The Good Friday Liturgy



On this day, the ministers enter in silence. All then kneel for silent prayer, after which the Officiant and congregation stand.

Officiant: Blessed be our God.

***People:* For ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Christ our victim, whose beauty was disfigured and whose body torn upon the cross: open wide your arms to embrace our tortured world, that we may not turn away our eyes, but abandon ourselves to your mercy. *Amen.*

Psalm 42

Read in unison

- 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 the Holy One, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 You grant me your loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season your song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me, *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

12 While my bones are being broken, * my enemies mock me to my face;

13 All day long they mock me * and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, * and why are you so disquieted within me?

15 Put your trust in God, *

for I will yet give thanks to the Holy One, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The Passion Reading

[Mark 15:22-42]

Please remain standing.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

This is the Passion of the Lord

The Proclamation of the Cross

A Wooden Cross is placed in the sight of the people

Officiant: The Cross of Christ.

All: **The cross on which the Savior of the world was hung.**

Devotional Anthem

Please be seated.

“He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”

Sandra Summer-Parks, soprano

They crucified my Lord; and he never said a mumbalin’ word, not a word.

They nailed him to the tree; and he never said a mumbalin’ word, not a word.

He bowed his head and died; and he never said a mumbalin’ word, not a word.

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The First Word *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do. Luke 23:34*

Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Silence for reflection

Collect

Officiant: O God, you have made us for yourself, and against your longing there is no defense.

Mark us with your love, and release in us a passion for your justice in our disfigured world, that we may turn from our guilt and face you, our heart’s desire. **Amen.**

The Second Word *Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise. Luke 23:43*

He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Silence for reflection

Collect

Officiant: Christ our companion, you came not to humiliate the sinner but to disturb the righteous.

Welcome us when we are put to shame, but challenge our smug ways, that we may truly turn from what is evil, and be freed even from our virtues, in your name we pray. Amen.

The Third Word *Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother. John 19:26–27*

Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Silence for reflection

Collect

Officiant: God our mother, you hold our life within you. Help us so to receive your tenderness and respond to your challenge that others may draw life from us, in your name we pray, Amen.

The Fourth Word *My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Mark 15:34*

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Silence for reflection

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.

Collect

Officiant: Fearful God, you require awful sacrifice and your lasting promise is covered in contradiction. May we so lay on your altar our deepest fears that we may receive back from you the promise of your saving hand, in your name we pray. Amen.

The Fifth Word *I thirst.* John 19:28

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.”

Silence for reflection

Collect

Officiant: Jesus our brother, you followed the path of suffering and were broken on our behalf. May we neither cling to our pain where it is futile, nor refuse to embrace the cost when it is required of us: that in losing our selves for your sake, we may be brought to new life. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Sixth Word *It is finished.* John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence for reflection

Collect

Officiant: Spirit of integrity, you drive us into the desert to search out our truth. Give us clarity to know what is right, and courage to reject what is convenient; that we may abandon the false innocence of failing to choose at all, but may follow the purposes of Jesus Christ. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Seventh Word *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.* Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

Silence for reflection

Collect

Officiant: Holy God, we are born into a world structured by sin. When we proclaim our innocence and seek to accuse each other, give us the grace to know that we are naked; that we may cry out to you alone, through Jesus Christ. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Please kneel or remain seated.

Officiant: O God, you search us out and know us, and all that we are is open to you.
We confess that we have sinned.

All: **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

When we avoid examining ourselves but jump to judge our neighbors;
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

When we show great discipline in pursuit of worldly goods, but invest too little enthusiasm in the treasures of the Spirit;
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

When we clamor for your crown, but refuse to shoulder your cross;
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

When we confess you among friends but deny you when enemy closes in;
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

When we demand instant results and scorn those who find value in waiting, in yearning, even in suffering, even in dying;
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

When we look for a lighter cross, and a savior made in our own image;
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

May the Almighty and Merciful God grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All Stand.

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us,

**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.**

Closing Collect

Officiant: 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 the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The ministers depart in silence.



Lay Participants

Readers: Barbara Wright and Susan Robinson

Soloist: Sandra Summer-Parks

Director of Music: Donald Butt

Notes on the Music

On Good Friday the organ is liturgically silent, except to accompany some singing.

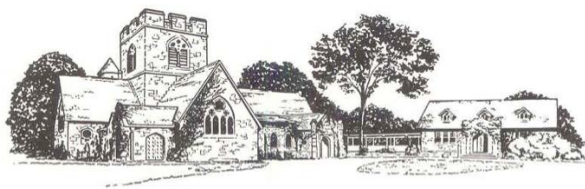
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