

Good Friday
The Last Words of Christ
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Utah Conference

Home Worship Edition

PRELUDE

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

by Melchior Vulpius
Paul Dewey, St. Matthew's Organist

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

Pastor Christine Higuera-Street, Utah Conference Dean, St. Matthew's

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GREETING

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST WORDS – Pastor David Nichols, Mt. Tabor

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34a

REFLECTION – ON FORGIVENESS

What does forgiveness mean for you? Is it easier for you to forgive or to receive forgiveness?

SONG

Restore in Us, O God

by Hal H. Hopson
Soloist, David Nichols, Mt. Tabor

SECOND WORDS – Pastor Brigitte Weier, Our Saviour's

Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43

REFLECTION – REMEMBER ME

Ponder on the gift of being with Jesus now and forever.

SONG

Jesus, Remember Me by Jacques Berthier
Trio; Kelly Martin, Eric Refsdal (Guitar) & Nancy Otto, Ascension

THIRD WORDS – Pastor Steven Leiser, Shepherd of the mountains

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." John 19:26

REFLECTION – FULLY HUMAN, FULLY DIVINE

How does following Jesus redefine who we consider family?

SONG

When I Survey the Wonderous Cross by Lowell Mason
Duet, Tracy Dewey & Joshua Hatch, St. Matthew's

FOURTH WORDS – Pastor DanaLee Simon, Minister of Spiritual Life

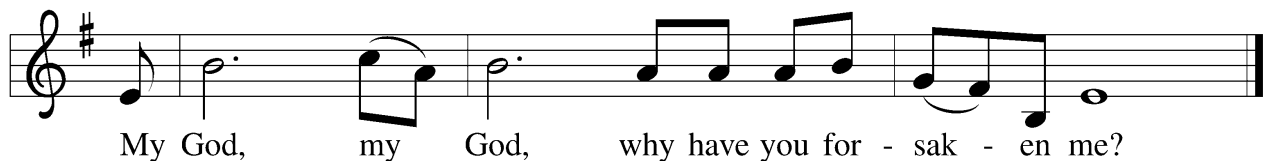
At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Mark 15:34

REFLECTION – FORSAKEN

When was a time that you felt forsaken by God? How did you reconnect with God's presence?

PSALM 22 - Pastor Emily Kuenker, Prince of Peace, Logan

Refrain



Text: Psalm 22

Music: Marilyn Witte

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¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?
²My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;
 by night, but I | find no rest.
³Yet you are the | Holy One,
 enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.
⁴Our ancestors put their | trust in you,
 they trusted, and you | rescued them. **R**
⁵They cried out to you and | were delivered;
 they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.
⁶But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,
 scorned by all and despised | by the people.
⁷All who see me laugh | me to scorn;
 they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.
⁸“Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;
 let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him.” **R**
⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,
 and kept me safe on my | mother’s breast.
¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;
 you were my God when I was still in my | mother’s womb.
¹¹Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,
 and there is no | one to help.
¹²Many young bulls en- | circle me;
 strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me. **R**
¹³They open wide their | jaws at me,
 like a slashing and | roaring lion.
¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;
 my heart within my breast is | melting wax.
¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
 and you have laid me in the | dust of death.
¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;
 they pierce my hands | and my feet. **R**
¹⁷I can count | all my bones
 while they stare at | me and gloat.
¹⁸They divide my gar- | ments among them;
 for my clothing, | they cast lots.
¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
 O my help, hasten | to my aid.
²⁰Deliver me | from the sword,
 my life from the power | of the dog.
²¹Save me from the | lion’s mouth!
 From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
²²I will declare your name | to my people;
 in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you. **R**
²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.
 Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat | and be satisfied.
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations. **R**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **R**

FIFTH WORDS – Pastor Bruce Kolasch, Elim

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." John 19:28

REFLECTION – THIRSTING

What do you thirst for in your relationship with Jesus?

SONG *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* by Delores Dunfur
Soloist, Pastor Bruce Kolasch, Elim

SIXTH WORDS – Pastor Reba Kiger-Kolasch, RMS Council

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." John 19:30

REFLECTION – EMBODIED LOVE AND GRACE

How do the words "It is finished" resonate with you tonight?

SONG *What Wondrous Love is This* No. American Folk Hymn
Mary Antinori, Shepherd of the Mountains Pianist

SEVENTH WORDS – Pastor Richard Brenton, Ascension, Ogden

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:46

REFLECTION – BEYOND THE CRUCIFIXION

What do you commend to God today?

SONG

In Deepest Night

by Thomas Pavlechko

Jan Young, Ascension-St. Matthew's Organist

**BIDDING PRAYER – Vicar Lisa Mensinger, Elim & Zion Intern & Pastor
Christine Higuera-Street, St. Matthew's**

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

A brief silence.

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Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

PM: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,

strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and give you ✝ peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

WA: Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Italian Hymn

arr. by David Chamberlin
David Chamberlin, Zion Organist

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