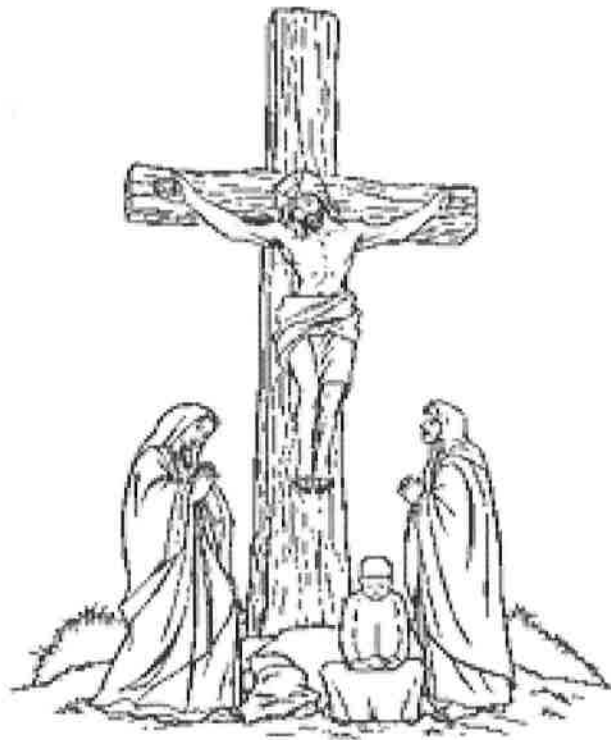


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THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Isaiah 53:1-3)

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P We gather here to worship God.
C **We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us
and to thank God for his love and his mercy.**
P Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD
been revealed?
C **He grew up before God like a tender shoot, and like a root out of
dry ground.**
P 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.
C **Like one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised,
and we esteemed him not.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

- P 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 us in our hearing,
C **We ask you to help us to understand the mystery of your love, and make
us into a people who are ever more worthy of it. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ten Thousand Angels”

Janice Schonberg

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

THE FIRST WORD – Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place called “The Skull”, they nailed Jesus to the cross
there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said
“Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing.”

Meditation on the First Word

HYMN: *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

Extinguishing the First Candle -

P Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C **You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

(After the ring of the bell, we continue)

THE SECOND WORD – Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” The other one, however, rebuked him, saying: “Don’t you fear God? Here we are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong.” And he said to Jesus, “Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!” Jesus said to him, “I tell you this: Today you will be in Paradise with me.”

****Meditation on the Second Word****

HYMN: *“Jesus, Remember Me”*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
My Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
My Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Extinguishing the Second Candle

P Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C **You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

(After the ring of the bell, we continue)

THE THIRD WORD – John 19:25-27

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

****Meditation on the Third Word******HYMN:** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

O sacred head now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
 Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns thine only crown;
 O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was thine!
 Yet though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn
 How does that visage languish, Which once was bright as morn.
 Thy grief and bitter Passion, Were all for sinners' gain
 Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.

What language shall I borrow, To thank thee dearest friend,
 For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
 Oh, make me thine forever, And should I fainting be,
 Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love to thee.

Extinguishing the Third Candle

P Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C **You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

(After the ring of the bell, we continue)

THE FOURTH WORD – Mark 15:33-34

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, eloi, lama Sabathani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

****Meditation on the Fourth Word****

HYMN: *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand
The shadow of a mighty rock, within a weary land
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat, and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
The very dying form of one, who suffered there for me
And from my contrite heart with tears, two wonders I confess
The wonder of His glorious love, and my unworthiness.

I take O cross your shadow, as my abiding place
I ask no other sunshine than, the sunshine of His face
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

Extinguishing the Fourth Candle

P Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C **You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

(After the ring of the bell, we continue)

THE FIFTH WORD – John 19:28

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), “I thirst.”

****Meditation on the Fifth Word****

HYMN: *“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary, Savior from the world above;
Often have your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see you wounded, bleeding, See your thorn encircled brow?
Yet your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what your grace has taught us Calms the sinner’s deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for you;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold your cross a new;
Till in glory, parted never, From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Extinguishing the Fifth Candle

P Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(After the ring of the bell, we continue)

THE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“At the Cross”

Dennis, Bonnie & Gary

THE SIXTH WORD – John 19:29-30

A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on stalk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.”

****Meditation on the Sixth Word****

HYMN: *“Go To Dark Gethsemane”*

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter’s pow’r,
Your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff’ring, shame, or loss; learn from Him to bear the cross.

Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Extinguishing the Sixth Candle

P Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(After the ring of the bell, we continue)

THE SEVENTH WORD – Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

****Meditation on the Seventh Word****

HYMN: *“Were You There”* (verses 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?

Extinguishing the Seventh Candle

P Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C **You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

HYMN: *“Were You There”* (verses 3-4)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

RESPONSIVE READING: Isaiah 53:4-6,9

P Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

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

P 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.

C **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

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

C *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*spoken in a whisper*)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray: (*Spoken*)

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

[The sanctuary is darkened and the Christ candle is removed, the sound of the sealed tomb is heard, and the Christ candle returns]

Feel free to stay for a time of quiet meditation.

All others - please leave in silence



Serving Today

Piano – Rob Aaron

Choir Director – Nancy Martin

Presiding – Pastor Gary Heltsley

Readers – Sue Nichols & Janet Wright

Special Music:

NBL Choir, Pastor Gary, Bonnie & Dennis O'Hanlon, and Janice Schonberg

What is Tenebrae?

The structure of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called "Tenebrae." *Tenebrae* is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." Tonight we will remember only a small portion of Christ's pain and suffering on the day of His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is removed, symbolizing the *apparent* victory of the forces of evil over good. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the sealing of the tomb or the earthquake at the time of his death. The hidden candle is then restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. By this single light we all depart this service in silence.

