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# **Tenebrae**

## **The Seven Last Words of Christ**

*Maundy Thursday, 2022*

St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
Ely Presbyterian Church

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*The Celebrant says the following*

Christ be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy and immortal God, in every generation you call us to contend against brutality and betrayal. Your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: Even through fear and uncertainty, may we who share his table stay with him through His time of suffering and be faithful to his way of love. **Amen.**

*Hymn: Were you there?*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross?  
Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Ohh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Blessed be our God.

**For ever and ever. Amen.**

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, remember me". It consists of two staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes on each staff.

### **The First Word: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing (Luke 23: 32-34).

Reflection: Mary Oliver, “The Fist”

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**because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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## The Second Word: “Today you will be with me in paradise”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise”(Luke 23:39-43).

Reflection: Desmond Tutu

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## The Third Word: Jesus addresses his mother, “Woman, here is your son.”

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home (John 19:25b – 27).

Reflection: Jan Richardson, “**What Abides:** For Good Friday”

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## The Fourth Word: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

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 (Mark 15:33-24)?”

Reflection: Joy Harjo, “The Fight”

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## The Fifth Word: “I thirst.”

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth (John 19:28-29).

Reflection: Rev. Corey Larsen

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says:*

The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done." Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

# The Great Thanksgiving

The Spirit of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

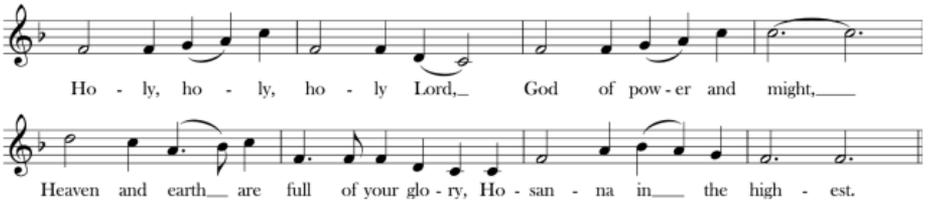
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Creator of all life, you made the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong.

Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me"

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: ‘This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.’

And so most holy God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love

Help us, Creator of all, to love one another, to work for the healing of the earth, and to share the good news of Jesus, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And so we give you honor and praise through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and forever. Amen.

As Christ teaches us, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come.  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.  
Then may be said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who are hungry are welcome at the Lord's Table. We serve one another the bread, saying the following words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

*Those who wish come forward after receiving the bread to take a cup of wine or grape juice which we drink together as the celebrant says,*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

**Amen.**

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## The Sixth Word: “It is finished.”

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished (John 19:30).”

Reflection: Bernard Fyles, “Lignum Vitae”

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*A longer silence follows*

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### **The Seventh Word: “Father into your hands I commend my spirit.”**

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).

*Silence.*

*The worship space is now stripped of all that reminds us of the presence of Jesus.*

*After the stripping is completed, one of the Celebrants says,*

**Go in Peace.**

*The service is now over. You are welcome to stay and pray, or leave quietly.*