

Holy Trinity Parish
Hillsdale, Michigan



"What Our Lord Saw from the Cross"

James Tissot, ca. 1886-1894, gouache over graphite on gray-green wove paper, Brooklyn Museum, New York

Good Friday
Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross
March 29, 2024

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me! ~Micah 6:3

HOLY WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Since ancient times, Holy Week has been the most important week of the Christian year. It is the climax of the Bible's story of redemption and God's saving purpose for humanity and all of creation. The week contains symbolically rich worship services, all of which are meant to recount the dramatic moments of the final week of our Lord Jesus Christ's life and ministry:

- † **Good Friday**, the third day before Easter, reconsiders the final moments of Jesus' life, his crucifixion and death, and calls us to humble repentance and prayer for the whole world in light of Christ's love for the same revealed fully on the Cross.

In all of these liturgies, Christian people follow Jesus through the final week of his life, passion, and resurrection.

All are invited to join us as we make this journey together with Christ in the coming days:

Tonight, Good Friday, March 29:

Tenebrae Service led by First United Methodist Church with Holy Trinity Parish Choir, 7:00 pm

Easter Day, March 31:

Worship with Festival Eucharist, 11:15 am

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

Friday, March 29, at 7:00 pm — Tenebrae

Volunteers: Readers: E. Coykendall, P. Timmis, S. Negus

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

GOOD FRIDAY

Since the 18th century Good Friday meditations on the seven last words or “sayings” of Christ spoken from the cross have been a popular devotion for Christians. The Gospel texts in view have since inspired composers like Haydn, Beethoven, DuBois, Gonoud, and Dvorak to set them to music. In 1630, the great Anglican poet and preacher, John Donne, spoke on “Death’s Duel or a Consolation of the Soule, against the Dying life, and Living Death of the Body.” He saw a parallel between the Seven Words of Christ and the seven days of the week. “That which we call life is but *Hebdomada mortium*, a week of deaths, seven days, seven periods of our life spent dying, a dying seven times over.”

This Good Friday service is designed to help you reflect upon the meaning of life and death, and the centrality of Christ to both. Between each meditation, there are prayers, Psalms, hymns, and periods of silence. While we encourage you to attend for the entire three hours from noonday to 3:00 p.m. if you are able. We understand that many worshipers can be here only for shorter periods of time. Even if you are only able to be with us for a half-hour or an hour, please do engage in the worship. The service ends at 3:00 pm, the traditional time for commemorating the death of Christ.

The People stand as the Ministers enter in silence.

THE LITANY (*The People, kneeling as able, respond as indicated by the boldface type.*)

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O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth: **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: **Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God: **Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins: Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever: **Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all want of charity: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the heart of thy servant, The President of the United States, that he may above all things seek thy honor and glory: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all Christian Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and maintain truth: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land, by water, or by air; all women in childbirth, all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Ghost to amend our lives according to thy holy Word: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us: **Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: **Grant us thy peace.**

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, hear us: **O Christ, hear us.**

Lord have mercy upon us. **Lord have mercy upon us.**

Christ have mercy upon us. **Christ have mercy upon us.**

Lord have mercy upon us. **Lord have mercy upon 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. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 111, pt. I Jesus, in thy dying woes (*The People standing*) *Swedish Litany*

MEDITATION ON THE FIRST WORD OF JESUS (*The People sitting*) The Rev. Dr. Anthony Tomisino
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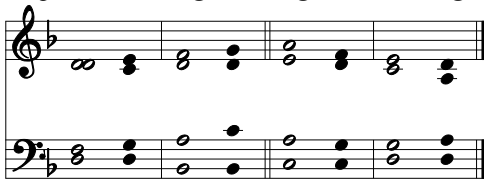
St. Luke 23:34

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Blessed Lord, who in thy forgiving love didst pray for those who nailed thee to the Cross, and hast taught us to forgive one another as thou hast forgiven us: Take from us all bitterness and resentment towards our fellows, and give us the spirit of mutual forgiveness and brotherly love; that so, in perfect charity, we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; for thy name and mercy's sake. **Amen.**

SILENCE

PENITENTIAL PSALM 51 (*The People all kneeling or sitting shall read together*) *Miserere mei, Deus*



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- 1 Have mercy upon me O God, after thy great / goodness; *
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine / offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my / wickedness, *
and cleanse me from my / sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my / faults, *
and my sin is ever be- / fore me.
- 4 Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy / sight, *
so thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt / judge.
- 5 Behold I was shapen in / wickedness, *
and in sin hath my mother con- / ceived me.
- 6 But lo thou requirest truth in the inward / parts *
and shalt make me to understand wisdom . secretly.

- 7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be / clean; *
 thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than / snow.
- 8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and / gladness, *
 that the bones which thou hast broken may / rejoice.
- 9 Turn thy face from my / sins, *
 and put out all my / misdeeds.
- 10 Make me a clean heart / O God, *
 and renew a right spirit with- / in me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy / presence, *
 and take not thy holy Spirit from / me.
- 12 O give me the comfort of thy help / again, *
 and stablish me with thy free / Spirit.
- 13 Then shall I teach thy ways unto the / wicked, *
 and sinners shall be converted unto / thee.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness O God, thou that art the God of my / health, *
 and my tongue shall sing of thy / righteousness.
- 15 Thou shalt open my lips / O Lord, *
 and my mouth shall show forth thy / praise.
- 16 For thou desirest no sacrifice, else I would give it / thee; *
 but thou delightest not in burnt / offerings.
[repeat second half of chant, beginning at the double bar]
- 17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled / spirit: *
 a broken and contrite heart O God, shalt thou not / despise.
 Glory be to the Father and to the / Son, *
 And to the Holy / Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever / shall be; *
 World without end. A- / men.

Minister: O Lord, save thy servants;

People: **That put their trust in thee.**

Minister: Send unto them help from above.

People: **And evermore mightily defend them.**

Minister: Help us, O God our Savior.

People: **And for the glory of thy Name deliver us;
 be merciful to us sinners, for thy Name's sake.**

Minister: O Lord, hear our prayer.

People: **And let our cry come unto thee.**

Minister: Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon be absolved; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and who wouldest not the

death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our transgressions, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favorable, O Lord, Be favorable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honor of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN 111, pt. II Jesus, pitying the sighs (*The People standing*) *Swedish Litany*

MEDITATION ON THE SECOND WORD OF JESUS (*The People sitting*) The Rev. Scott Cress
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St. Luke 23:43

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Blessed Savior, who when hanging on the Cross didst welcome the penitent sinner: We beseech thee, by that same compassion, to pardon the guilty, heal the wounded, recover the fallen, restore the wandering; that casting themselves upon thy mercy they may return with penitence to the embrace of thy love, and enter at last into the joy of thy presence; for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

SILENCE

ANTE-COMMUNION

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*The People remain standing, the Priest praying*) BCP, p. 67
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP, p. 69

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lower voices

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Higher voices

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

All

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: from *Missa Marialis*; Plainsong, 14th Cent, Mode 1; Mass 9, "Cum jubilo," adapted by Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

THE COLLECTS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Collect for Good Friday

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Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O Merciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all who know thee not as thou art revealed in the Gospel of thy Son. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved among the

remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

HYMN **111, pt. III** Jesus, loving to the end (*The People standing*)

Swedish Litany

MEDITATION ON THE THIRD WORD OF JESUS (*The People sitting*)

Dr. Adam Carrington

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St. John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy holy incarnation didst enter the human family, and on the cross didst commend thy mother to the care of the beloved disciple: Purify our homes by thy abiding presence; sanctify all our human relations; and grant that united with one another in thee, we may together attain thy heavenly kingdom; for the honor of thy great name. **Amen.**

SILENCE

THE EPISTLE (*The People sitting*)

Hebrews 10:1-25

Reader: The Epistle is written in the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 10, beginning at the first verse.

10¹ For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’” ⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us

hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN **111, pt. IV** Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown (*The People standing*)

Swedish Litany

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*The People sitting, standing when indicated*)

John 18:33-19:37

The People of the congregation will read with boldness the part of the Crowd.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,

Crowd **Are you the King of the Jews?**

Narrator Jesus answered,

† Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?

Narrator Pilate answered,

Crowd **Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?**

Narrator Jesus answered,

† My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.

Narrator Then Pilate said to him,

Crowd **So you are a king?**

Narrator Jesus answered,

† You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.

Narrator Pilate said to him,

Crowd **What is truth?**

Narrator After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

Crowd **I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?**

Narrator They cried out again,

Crowd **Not this man, but Barabbas!**

Narrator Now Barabbas was a robber.

Narrator Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying,

***Crowd* Hail, King of the Jews!**

Narrator and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them,

***Crowd* See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.**

Narrator So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

***Crowd* Behold the man!**

Narrator When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

***Crowd* Crucify him, crucify him!**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

***Crowd* Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.**

Narrator The Jews answered him,

***Crowd* We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.**

Narrator When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

***Crowd* Where are you from?**

Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him,

***Crowd* You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?**

Narrator Jesus answered him,

† You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.

Narrator From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

***Crowd* If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.**

Narrator So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

***Crowd* Behold your King!**

Narrator They cried out,

***Crowd* Away with him, away with him, crucify him!**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Crowd **Shall I crucify your King?**

Narrator The chief priests answered,

Crowd **We have no king but Caesar.**

Narrator So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

All stand.

Narrator So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Crowd **Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’**

Narrator Pilate answered,

Crowd **What I have written I have written.**

Narrator When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another,

Crowd **Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.**

Narrator This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, but standing by 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 nearby, he said to his mother,

† Woman, behold, your son!

Narrator Then he said to the disciple,

† Behold, your mother!

Narrator And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

† I thirst.

Narrator A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,

† It is finished,

Narrator and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silence is kept.

Narrator Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who

had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

HYMN 111, pt. V Jesus, in thy thirst and pain (*The People standing*)

Swedish Litany

MEDITATION ON THE FOURTH WORD OF JESUS (*The People sitting*)

Dr. Cody Strecker

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St. Matthew 27:46

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy most bitter passion hast tasted death for every man, and hast borne our sins in thine own body on the Tree: Grant us, we beseech thee, a broken and a contrite heart for all thy sorrows, and the loosing from our sins in thy precious blood; that we may live henceforth as those who have been bought with a price, and glory only in the cross. **Amen.**

SILENCE

BIDDING PRAYERS AND COLLECTS

Officiant: Good Christian People, I bid your prayers for Christ’s holy Catholic Church, the blessed company of all faithful people; that it may please God to confirm and strengthen it in purity of faith, in holiness of life, and in perfectness of love. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Ye shall pray for Christ’s holy Catholic Church, that it may please God to restore it to the witness of visible unity; and more especially for that branch of the same planted by God in this land, whereof we are members; that in all things it may work according to God’s will, serve him faithfully, and worship him acceptably. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Ye shall pray for the President of these United States, and for the Governor of this State, and for all that are in authority; that all, and every one of them, may serve truly in their several callings to the glory of God, and the edifying and well-governing of the people, remembering the account they shall be called upon to give at the last, great day. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon this whole land; and so rule the hearts of thy servants The President of the United States, The Governor of this state, and all others in authority, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honor and glory; and that we and all the People, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Ye shall also pray for the ministers of God's Holy Word and Sacraments; for Bishops (*and herein more especially for the Bishop of this Diocese*), that they may minister faithfully and wisely the discipline of Christ; likewise for all Priests and Deacons (*and herein more especially for The Clergy here residing*), that they may shine as lights in the world, and in all things may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church; Give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are called to any office and administration in the same, and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Ye shall pray for a due supply of persons fitted to serve God in the Ministry and in the State; and to that end, as well as for the good education of all the youth of this land, ye shall pray for all schools, colleges, and seminaries of sound and godly learning, and for all whose hands are open for their maintenance; that whatsoever tends to the advancement of true religion and useful learning may for ever flourish and abound. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we beseech thee, with thy gracious favor to behold our universities, colleges, and schools, that knowledge may be increased among us, and all good learning flourish and abound. Bless all who teach and all who learn; and grant that in humility of heart they may ever look unto thee, who art the fountain of all wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Ye shall pray for all the people of these United States, that they may live in the true faith and fear of God, and in brotherly charity one toward another. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Ye shall pray also for all who travel by land, sea, or air; for all prisoners and captives; for all who are in sickness or in sorrow; for all who have fallen into grievous sin; for all who, through temptation, ignorance, helplessness, grief, trouble, dread, or the near approach of death, especially need our prayers. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Ye shall also praise God for rain and sunshine; for the fruits of the earth; for the products of all honest industry; and for all his good gifts, temporal and spiritual, to us and to all men. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew; We yield the unfeigned thanks and praise for seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies; such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Finally, ye shall yield unto God most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all his saints, who have been the choice vessels of his grace and the lights of the world in their several generations; and pray unto God, that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good examples; that, this life ended, we may be made partakers with them of the glorious resurrection, and the life everlasting. [*Silence is kept.*]

Minister: Let us pray.

O Almighty God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus, the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be perfected unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, vouchsafe that we, who now serve thee here on earth, may at last, together with them, be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 111, pt. VI Jesus, all our ransom paid (*The People standing*)

Swedish Litany

MEDITATION ON THE FIFTH WORD OF JESUS (*The People sitting*)

Dr. Patrick Timmis

Assistant Professor of English, Hillsdale College

St. John 19:28

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

Blessed Lord, who on the Cross didst endure the thirst both of spiritual desire and of physical anguish; Satisfy the longings of our hearts, we humbly beseech thee, and sanctify our sufferings by thine own; for the love's sake. **Amen.**

SILENCE

THE REPROACHES

O my people, what have I done unto thee; or wherein have I wearied thee, said the Lord?
Testify against me.

Because I, the Lord thy God, brought thee forth from the land of Egypt; thou hast prepared a Cross for thy Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Because I, the Lord thy God, led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna, and brought thee into a land exceeding good: thou hast prepared a cross for thy Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

What more could I have done for thee that I have not done, saith the Lord thy God? I indeed did plant thee, O my vineyard, exceeding fair, and thou art become very bitter unto me: for vinegar thou gavest me to quench my thirst, and thou has pierced with a spear the side of thy Savior.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

I, the Lord thy God, did scourge Egypt with her first-born for thy sake; and thou hast scourged me. I led thee forth out of Egypt, through the Red Sea: and thou hast delivered me unto the chief priests. I did open the sea before thee: and thou hast opened my side with a spear.

O my people, what have I done unto thee; or wherein have I wearied thee, saith the Lord?

Testify against me.

I did go before thee in the pillar of cloud: and thou hast brought me unto the judgment hall of Pilate. I did feed thee with manna in the desert: and thou hast stricken me with blows and scourges. I did give thee to drink the water of life from the rock: and thou hast given me to drink gall and vinegar.

O my people, what have I done unto thee; or wherein have I wearied thee, saith the Lord?

Testify against me.

I did smite kings for thy sake: and thou hast smitten my head with a reed. I did give thee a royal sceptre: and thou hast set upon my head a crown of thorns. I did raise thee on high with great power: and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross.

O my people, what have I done unto thee; or wherein have I wearied thee, saith the Lord?

Testify against me.

HYMN 111, pt. VII Jesus, all thy labor vast (*The People standing*)

Swedish Litany

MEDITATION ON THE SIXTH WORD OF JESUS (*The People sitting*)

The Rev. Adam D. Rick
Chaplain, Hillsdale College

St. John 19:30

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

O Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world: Grant that as thy sacrifice for our redemption was full, perfect, and sufficient, so nothing may be wanting in our service and sacrifice for thee as members of thy mystical body; for the honor and glory of thy great name. **Amen.**

SILENCE

HYMN 121 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended (*The People standing*)

Herzliebster Jesu

CLOSING PRAYERS

Minister: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to thy will, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name; We beseech the mercifully to incline thine ears to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 122 O sorrow deep! *(The People standing)*

O Traurigkeit

MEDITATION ON THE SEVENTH WORD OF JESUS *(The People sitting)*

The Ven. Alan R. Crippen
Rector, Holy Trinity Parish

St. Luke 23:46

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at the ninth hour of the day, with outstretched arms and bowed head, didst commend thy spirit to God thy Father, and by thy death unlock the gates of paradise: Mercifully grant that in the hour of our death our souls may come to the true paradise, which is Thyself; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. **Amen.**

SILENCE

HYMN 118 Go to dark Gethsemane *(The People standing)*

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As the Ministers exit via the side door, the People may exit in silence or remain for quiet contemplation.



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