

# All Saints' Episcopal Church

## The Last Words of Christ: A Service for Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 2024 ✦ Noon

### Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at All Saints'. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a newcomer card by scanning the QR code on the back of this bulletin. All are welcome to receive communion at God's table, the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time, and we're delighted you're here. *Welcome home!*

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### Worship Note

Good Friday is the most solemn fast day of the church year, the day when we gather to remember Christ's suffering and death on the cross. In preparation for Good Friday services, all decorations have been removed from the altar and the cross is veiled. Today, we reflect on the seven last words of Christ, taken from the four Gospels. In Matthew and Mark, Jesus cries out to God in despair. In Luke, Jesus forgives those who have crucified him, comforts the penitent thief, and gives up his spirit. And in John, Jesus speaks to his mother and Peter, thirsts, and declares that his life is finished. Together, these sayings tell the story of a savior who is infinitely forgiving, even as he endures death on a cross.

### The Entrance Rite

**Prelude** | "The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Marilyn Ham

*The people stand as the bell tolls, and the worship leaders enter in silence.*

### Opening Prayer |

*Officiant*      Blessed be our God.  
*Officiant*      Now and forever. Amen.  
*and People*

*Officiant*      Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People**      Amen.

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."  
(Luke 23:34)

1. O sa - cred head, sore woun - ded, de - filed and put to scorn;  
 2. Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
 3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
 O king - ly head, sur - roun - ded with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

*The people are seated.*

### The First Word |

*Reader*

As they nailed him to the cross, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

## Prayer |

*Reader* Lord Christ, who in your forgiving love prayed for those who nailed you to the cross, and taught us to forgive one another as you have forgiven us: Take from us all bitterness and resentment, and give us the spirit of mutual forgiveness and gracious love; that we may be partakers of your everlasting kingdom; for your mercy's sake.

*People* Amen.

*The first candle is extinguished.*

## Anthem | O vos omnes

Pablo Casals (1876–1973)

*O vos ómnes qui transítis per víam, atténdite et vidéte:*

*Si est dólór símilis sícut dólór méus.*

*Atténdite, univérsi pópuli, et vidéte dolórem méum.*

*Si est dólór símilis sícut dólór méus.*

O all you who walk by on the road, pay attention and see:  
if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.  
Pay attention, all people, and look at my sorrow:  
if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*A period of silence is observed.*

## The Second Word |

*Reader* Jesus cried out “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)

## Prayer |

*Reader* Loving God, whose blessed Son endured the loneliness and darkness of the cross, that we might enjoy eternal fellowship with you: Grant that amidst life's shadows we may know that we are never forsaken, but that we are ever walking in the light of your countenance; Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

*The second candle is extinguished.*

Hymn |

*The people stand and sing.*

“My Song is love unknown”

*Love unknown*

1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, love  
2. He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow: but  
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing: re -  
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? what makes this rage and spite? He  
5. They rise, and need will have my dear Lord made a - way; a  
6. In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in  
7. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine; nev -

1. to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be. O,  
2. men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
3. sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
4. made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
5. mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet  
6. death, no friend - ly tomb but what a stran - ger gave. What  
7. er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine. This

1. who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
2. O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
3. “Cru - ci - fy!” is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
4. in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst them rise.  
5. stead - fast he to suf - ferings goes, that he his foes from thence might free.  
6. may I say? Heaven was his home, but mine the tomb where - in he lay.  
7. is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

*The people are seated as a period of silence is observed.*

## The Third Word |

Reader Jesus said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:26–27)

## Prayer |

Reader O Son of God, who by your passion brought to birth the new family of the children of God: Grant us grace, as members of that beloved family, to realize our kinship with each other, and to love all people for your sake, who loved us and gave yourself for us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

*The third candle is extinguished.*

## Anthem | "God so Loved the World" from *The Crucifixion*

John Stainer (1840–1901)

God so loved the world.  
God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him  
should not perish, should not perish  
but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world  
to condemn the world.  
God sent not His Son into the world  
to condemn the world;  
But that the world through Him might be saved.  
God so loved the world.  
God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him  
should not perish, should not perish  
but have everlasting life, everlasting life,  
everlasting, everlasting life.  
God so loved the world.

*Text: John 3:16–17*

*A period of silence is observed.*

## The Fourth Word |

Reader Jesus said, "I thirst!" (John 19:28)

## Prayer |

Reader Blessed Lord, who on the cross endured the thirst both of spiritual desire and of physical anguish: Satisfy the longings of our hearts, we humbly ask, and comfort those who suffer. May they know that they are never alone, always surrounded by your love. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

## Hymn |

*The people stand and sing.*

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

*Rockingham*

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an  
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*The people are seated, and a period of silence is observed.*

## The Fifth Word |

*Reader* One of the thieves crucified with Jesus 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 23:43)

## Prayer |

*Reader* Blessed Savior, who when hanging on the cross welcomed the penitent sinner: We ask you, by that same compassion, to pardon the guilty, heal the wounded, recover the fallen, restore the wandering; that casting themselves upon your mercy they may return with penitence to the embrace of your love, and enter into the joy of your presence; for your love’s sake.

*People* Amen.

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

## Offertory Hymn |

*An offering is collected to support the church's work of reconciliation in Jerusalem and the Middle East.*

*The people stand and sing.*

"Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended"

*Herzliebster Jesu*

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed, that man to  
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -

judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy pi - ty

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed,  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

*The people are seated, and a period of silence is observed.*

## The Sixth Word |

*Reader* Jesus lifted his head and cried aloud "It is finished!" (John 19:30)

## Prayer |

*Reader* Grant, O Lord, unto us, and to all your servants, the grace of perseverance unto the end; in the power of him who for the finishing of your work laid down his life, even your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

**Anthem |** “Christ, we do all adore thee” from *The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Théodore Dubois (1837–1924)

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever,  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed;  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore thee!

*A period of silence is observed.*

**The Seventh Word |**

*Officiant* 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)

**Prayer |**

*Officiant* Loving God, in whose hands are the hearts of all your children: Grant us the faith that  
commits all to you; that trusting ourselves wholly to your love and wisdom, we may meet  
all that life may bring, and death itself at last, with serenity and courage; through your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

**The Grace |**

*Officiant* Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help  
of your heavenly grace, we may be upheld by your divine protection;

*Officiant and People*

And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit is with us, now and forever more. Amen.

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*



## Musical Meditation |

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

African American spiritual  
arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

Laura English-Robinson, *soprano*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble...  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble...  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*The people depart in silence*

*Following the service, we gather in the courtyard at 1:30 to walk the  
stations of the cross with our neighbors in midtown.*

*The chapel remains open for prayer for those who wish to walk the labyrinth.*

*This service is adapted from a similar liturgy crafted by the Rev. Alastair Sing-McCollum at  
The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine in Victoria, British Columbia.*

## Assisting in Worship

<b>Officiant</b>	The Rev. Dr. Simon J. Mainwaring
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# Schedule for Holy Week

## Good Friday

Friday, March 29

We pray in the shadow of the cross, reflecting on Christ's last words and the meaning of the cross in our lives. Then we collaborate with neighborhood churches to pray the stations of the cross across Midtown Atlanta

12:00 p.m. - A Service of Christ's Last Words for Good Friday (Church)

1:30 p.m. - Midtown Stations of the Cross (Meet in the Kennedy Courtyard)

## Easter Day

Sunday, March 31

We celebrate the paschal mystery: "Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed." Join us for the principal feast of the Christian year, with festival Holy Eucharist, soaring music including timpani and brass, stunning flowers and the full community gathered in joy.

6:00 a.m. - The Great Vigil of Easter (Church) 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite I (Chapel)

9:00 a.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist with Children's and Youth Choirs (Ellis Hall)

9:00 a.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist with Adult Choir (Church)

11:15 a.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist with Adult Choir (Church)

NOTE: There is no The Welcome Table service at 5:00 p.m. on Easter Day.



We're excited to get to know you, and to welcome you to this amazing community. You can use this QR code to help us stay in touch, or if you'd prefer pen and paper, you can fill out one of the visitor cards in the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a staff member.

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