

forgive them

Seven Last Words of Christ

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHIRST

OPENING SONG

Behold the Wood #437 (Vs 2)

***Behold, behold the wood of the cross
On which is hung our salvation.
O come, let us adore***

*1. Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die,
It shall remain but a single grain and not give life.*

***2. And when My hour of glory comes as all was meant to be,
You shall see Me lifted up upon a tree.***

*3. For there can be no greater love shown upon this land
Than in the One who came to die that we might live.*

*4. My Father if it be your plan, this cup might pass me by,
yet let it happen as you will if I must die.*

*5. For surely he has borne our tears, is wounded by our sin
and yet he opens not his mouth that we might live*

*6. My body now is torn with pain, my friends have left and gone
O loving Father, take my life into your hands.*

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, you are our teacher and our role model. Tonight, give us the courage to stand by you as you bear the burden of our sins. Open our hearts to your love as we listen to your words. Help us to reflect on where we fail to bear witness to you by not following your example. With your grace, make us worthy to share in your resurrection.

Amen

SIT

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

See, my servant shall prosper,
he shall be raised high and greatly exalted.

Even as many were amazed at him -
so marred was his look beyond human semblance
and his appearance beyond that of the sons of man –
so shall he startle many nations,
because of him kings shall stand speechless;

for those who have not been told shall see,
those who have not heard shall ponder it.
Who would believe what we have heard?
To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
He grew up like a sapling before him,
like a shoot from the parched earth;
there was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him,
nor appearance that would attract us to him.
He was spurned and avoided by people,
a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,
one of those from whom people hide their faces,
spurned, and we held him in no esteem.
Yet it was our infirmities that he bore,
our sufferings that he endured,
while we thought of him as stricken,
as one smitten by God and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our offenses,
crushed for our sins;
upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,
by his stripes we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep,
each following his own way;
but the LORD laid upon him
the guilt of us all.
Though he was harshly treated, he submitted
and opened not his mouth;
like a lamb led to the slaughter
or a sheep before the shearers,
he was silent and opened not his mouth.
Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away,
and who would have thought any more of his destiny?
When he was cut off from the land of the living,
and smitten for the sin of his people,

a grave was assigned him among the wicked
and a burial place with evildoers,
though he had done no wrong
nor spoken any falsehood.

But the LORD was pleased
to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life,
and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction
he shall see the light in fullness of days;
through his suffering, my servant shall justify many,
and their guilt he shall bear.

Therefore I will give him his portion among the great,
and he shall divide the spoils with the mighty,
because he surrendered himself to death
and was counted among the wicked;
and he shall take away the sins of many,
and win pardon for their offenses.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22 (vs 1-4)

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- 1. All who see me laugh at me,
they mock me and they shake their head:
“He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge”***
- 2. As dogs around me, they circle me about. Wounded me and
pierced me. I can number all of my bones***
- 3. My clothing they divided, for my garments casting lots, O
Lord, do not desert me, but hasten to my aid***
- 4. I will praise you my people, and proclaim you in their midst,
O fear the Lord, my people, give glory to God’s name.***

STAND

“Father, forgive them, they do not know what they do.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."

But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." (Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder.) Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.

Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

MEDITATION

Rachel Staub

PRAYER – (ALL)

Lord Jesus, your outstretched arms reveal the depths of your mercy.

Even in the midst of moral darkness, you show us how to love.

Every day we struggle to imitate you.

Your forgiveness of those who turned against you and crucified you makes us face our own lack of forgiveness towards others.

Give us faith to accept your forgiveness and give us strength to make your words and actions our own.

SONG

Psalm 103 The Lord is Kind and Merciful (v3)

The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.

- 1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all my being bless God's name.
bless the Lord, and forget not God's benefits***
- 2. God par-dons all your iniquities, and comforts your sorrows .
redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with kindness.***
- 3. Merciful, merciful, and gracious is our God;
slow to anger, abounding in kindness.***

STAND

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord

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MEDITATION

Teresa Cox

PRAYER – (ALL)

Jesus, thank you for your words of hope and promise to the penitent criminal. They remind me that I don't have to be perfect. When I fail, I can always turn to you. Give me eyes of faith to see you in all circumstances of my life. Fill me with a hope that never fails. And continue to give me glimpses of paradise as I carry my cross in this life.

SONG

Jesus, Remember Me

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

STAND

"Woman, behold, your son." "Behold, your mother."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares, a share for each soldier. They also took his tunic, but the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top down. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it will be," in order that the passage of scripture might be fulfilled (that says): "They divided my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots." This is what the soldiers did. Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

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PRAYER – (ALL)

Lord Jesus, you nourish us with your word and with the sacraments. Your outstretched arms reveal the love that redeems us. Give us the wisdom to understand the mystery of the cross and give us courage to be witnesses to it in our world today.

O Jesus, by your wounded hands teach us diligence and generosity.

By your wounded feet teach us steadfastness and perseverance.

By your wounded and insulted head teach us patience and clarity.

By your wounded heart, teach us love.

SONG

At the Cross Her Station Keeping (vs 1 & 11)

***At the cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.***

***At the cross, your sorrow sharing
All your grief and torment bearing,
Let me stand and mourn with you***

STAND

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself by coming down from the cross." Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes, mocked him among themselves and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "Look, he is calling Elijah."

The Gospel of the Lord

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SIT

MEDITATION

Harrison Trubitt

PRAYER – (ALL) Psalm 23

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;**

**Besides restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.**

**He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and staff that gives me courage.**

**You spread your table before me
in the sight of my foes;**

**You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;**

**And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for years to come.**

SONG

Jesus the Lord (vs 3)

Jesus. Jesus. Let all creation bend the knee to the Lord.

1. In him we live, we move and have our being. In him the Christ, in him the king! Jesus, the Lord.

2. Though Son, he did not cling to godliness; but emptied himself, became a slave! Jesus, the Lord.

3. He lived obediently his Father's will accepting this death, death on a tree! Jesus, the Lord

STAND

"I thirst."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

MEDITATION

Maureen Hatem

PRAYER – (ALL)

Lord Jesus, as you hung on the cross, you thirsted for our love. By our words and actions, we often make our world like a desert thirsting for your love. With the help of your grace, make us springs of your love by the way we treat others.

SONG

Be Not Afraid (vs 1)

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst

You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.

You shall speak your words in foreign land and all will understand.

You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me and I will give you rest.

Refrain

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.

If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed

*If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.*

STAND

"It is finished."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SIT

PRAYER – (ALL)

Lord Jesus, your word has begun to take root in us. Bring your word to fruition in our daily lives by the way we treat our families, friends and even strangers. Finish the work you have begun in us. Help us to produce a harvest worthy of being gathered up into everlasting life.

SONG

O Sacred Head Surrounded (vs 1,)

- 1. O Sacred Head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding Head, so wounded,
reviled and put to scorn!
Our sins have marred the glory
of Thy most Holy Face,
yet angel hosts adore Thee
and tremble as they gaze***
- 2. I see Thy strength and vigor
all fading in the strife,
and death with cruel rigor,
bereaving Thee of life;
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesus, all grace supplying,
O turn Thy face on me.*
- 3. In this Thy bitter passion,
Good Shepherd, think of me
with Thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath Thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in Thy dear love confiding,
and with Thy presence blest.*

STAND

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SIT

PRAYER – (ALL)

Lord Jesus, you have given us the example to follow. You endured the cross and its shame because you love each and every one of us. Now you have taken your rightful place of glory at the right hand of the Father in the Kingdom. Help us along every step of our life's journey to recognize you in the people we meet, and to love as you taught us to love. Lift up our hearts with hope and keep us strong in faith until you call us home to you.

PLEASE KNEEL

SONG

Psalm 91

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be with me, Lord I pray

- 1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord: "My Refuge and fortress, the God in whom I trust"***
- 2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for angels stand close by your side,
guarding you always and bearing you gently, watching over your life.***
- 3. Those who cling to the Lord live securely in God's love,
lifted high, those who trust in God's name,
call on the Lord, who will never forsake you.
God will bring you salvation and joy.***

The Empty Tomb

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.

Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.

They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.

On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.

He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here.

Behold, the place where they laid him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

MEDITATION

Fr. Chris

PRAYER – (ALL)

**O Jesus, come back into our society, our family life, our souls.
Preserve the flame of faith in our hearts. Impart to us a spirit
of discipline, gentleness and mercy. We pray for the day
when you are restored to the center of civic life, carried on
the shoulders of your joyful people**

PLEASE KNEEL

SONG

Tantum Ergo

<i>Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui: Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui: Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.</i>	<i>DOWN in adoration falling, Lo! the sacred Host we hail, Lo! o'er ancient forms departing Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith for all defects supplying, Where the feeble senses fail.</i>
<i>Genitori, Genitoque Laus et iubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio: Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio.</i>	<i>To the everlasting Father, And the Son Who reigns on high With the Holy Spirit proceeding Forth from each eternally, Be salvation, honor blessing, Might and endless majesty.</i>

BENEDICTION

The presider incenses the Blessed Sacrament twice from where he is kneeling during the hymn

You have given us bread from heaven.

Having within it all sweetness

Let us Pray.

LORD Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Presider puts on Humeral Veil, genuflects and blesses the congregation with the monstrance

Presider returns to the foot of the altar, kneels and leads congregation in Divine Praises:

DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints.

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

LORD Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you were drawn by the Father from the darkness of death to the light of a new life in glory. Grant that the sign of the empty tomb may speak to us and to future generations and become a wellspring of living faith, generous love, and unshakeable hope.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be to the Father...

Jesus you have restored us to life by your death and resurrection. May your words tonight inspire us to continue your healing work in our world today. Help us to apply the lessons of your cross to our daily lives so that we may always serve you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SONG FOR REPOSE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND RECESSIONAL

Lift High the Cross

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

- 1. Come, Christians, follow where the Master trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.***
- 2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.***
- 3. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.***
- 4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.***
- 5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!***