

April 2, 2021 – Good Friday

The Seven Last Words of Christ

HYMN Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

- 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
 On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
 For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
 May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
 That I may not perish.

- 2 Make me see Your great distress,
 Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
 And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod,
 Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
 Who with thorns had crowned You.

- 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
 Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known
 And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin
 Wrought Your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been
 Of Your crucifixion.

The First Word

HYMN Upon the Cross Extended

- 1 Upon the cross extended
See, world, your Lord suspended.
 Your Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself has freely given
 To shame and blows and bitter death.

- 2 Come, see these things and ponder,
Your soul will fill with wonder
 As blood streams from each pore.
Through grief beyond all knowing
From His great heart came flowing
 Sighs welling from its deepest core.

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The Second Word

HYMN Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
 See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
 Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
 David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

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The Third Word

HYMN Jesus, in Your Dying Woes

7 Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

9 May we all Your loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving, since Your love we see:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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The Fourth Word

HYMN Throned Upon the Awe-ful Tree

1. Throned upon the awe-full tree,
King of grief, I watch with Thee.
Darkness veils Thine anguished face;
None its lines of woe can trace,
None can tell what pangs unknown
Hold Thee silent and alone.

3. Hark the cry that peals aloud
Upward through the whelming cloud!
Thou, the Father's only Son,
Thou, His own Anointed One,
Thou dost ask Him, Can it be?
"Why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

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The Fifth Word

HYMN O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be
spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?
- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they
scourge Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

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The Sixth Word

HYMN O Perfect Life of Love

- 1 O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.

2 No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.

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The Seventh Word

HYMN Behold the Savior of Mankind

- 1** Behold the Savior of mankind
Nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that Him inclined
To bleed and die for thee!
- 2** Hark how He groans while nature shakes
And earth's strong pillars bend!
The Temple's veil in sunder breaks,
The solid marbles rend.
- 3** 'Tis done; the precious ransom's paid;
"Receive My soul!" He cries.
See where He bows His sacred head;
He bows His head and dies.
- 4** But soon He'll break death's envious chain
And in full glory shine.
O Lamb of God, was ever pain,
Was ever love, like thine?

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