



SAINT JOHN'S
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The Seven Last Words of Christ Good Friday

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THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers.

All gather in silence. Those attending this service are free to come and go as needed.

Celebrant Blessed be our God.

All For ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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. Amen.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

All 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.

All are seated for the readings.

I “Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Reader: A Reading from Luke

Luke 23:32-38

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. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Linda Privitera

A period of silence for reflection follows the homily.

Music

Is it nothing to you?
Frederick A. Gore Ouseley

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold and see, if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

A period of silence for reflection follows the music.

II “Woman, here is your son.” “Here is your mother.”

Lector: A Reading from John.

John 19:25b-27

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.

Homily

The Rev. Deacon Sandra Kidd

A period of silence for reflection follows the homily.

Music

In the departure of the Lord
John Bull

In the departure of the Lord, of mortal body’s vital breath, There lies a mystery worth record, which he did show us here on earth: Who doth prepare to die each hour must follow Christ our Saviour.

A period of silence for reflection follows the music.

III “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Reader: A Reading from Matthew.

Matthew 27:45-54

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Homily

The Rev. Eric Kahl

A period of silence for reflection follows the homily.

Music

O crux ave
G.P. da Palestrina

O cross, our one reliance, hail! So may thy power with us prevail to give new virtue to the saint, and pardon to the penitent.

A period of silence for reflection follows the music.

IV “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Lector: A Reading from Luke Luke 23:39-43

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.”

Homily

The Rev. Gerald G. Alexander

A period of silence for reflection follows the homily.

Music

Élégie
Jules Massenet
Jin Kim-Peña, cello

A period of silence for reflection follows the music.

V “I am thirsty.”

Lector: A Reading from John.

John 19:28-29

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.

Homily

The Rev. Kurt Dunkle

A Period of silence for reflection follows the homily.

Music

Largo
Antonio Vivaldi
Jin Kim-Peña, cello

A Period of silence for reflection follows the music.

VI “It is finished.”

Lector: A Reading from John.

John 19:30-37

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was

a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then 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. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.”

Homily

The Rev. Beth Tjoflat

A period of silence for reflection follows the homily.

Music

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen
Johannes Brahms

A period of silence for reflection follows the music.

VII “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

Lector: A Reading from Luke. Luke 23:44-49

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Robert Vernon Lee III

A period of silence for reflection follows the homily.

Music

Were you there?
Traditional Spiritual
Paul Fisher, baritone

A period of silence for reflection follows the music.

Solemn Prayers

All stand.

Leader Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of ever-lasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

All kneel.

Leader Let us pray for the holy catholic church of Christ throughout the world;
For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve
For our Dean, our Bishop, and all the people of this diocese
For all Christians in this community
For those about to be baptized Sunday morning
That God will confirm us all in faith, increase his love in us, and preserve us
in peace.

Silence

Leader Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Leader Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;
For Joe Biden, the President of the United States
For the Congress and the Supreme Court
For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations
For all who serve the common good
That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Leader Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility

your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;
For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed
For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled
For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish
For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair
For the sorrowful and bereaved
For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger
That God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Leader Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader Let us pray for all who do not know the love of God;
For those who have never heard the word of salvation
For those who have lost their faith
For those hardened by sin or indifference
For the contemptuous and the scornful
For those who persecute Christians
For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others
That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Leader Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us commit ourselves to our God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

Leader O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

All **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners ever lasting life and glory; for with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Tolling of the Bell

At three o'clock the bell is tolled thirty-three times. This is to signify that the 33 years of Christ's life ended at three o'clock with his death on the cross. The tolling of the bell ends the service. All may leave in silence or remain for silent prayer and meditation.

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LOVE AT THE CORE

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of our ministry and mission. For nearly 200 years, St. John's Cathedral has been in the forefront of spiritual leadership and community service in Jacksonville's Urban Core. Many ministries to care for children and the elderly and to promote the arts, education and healthcare started here, including Aging True, The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Cathedral Care, Cathedral Arts Project, The Cathedral School and Cathedral District-Jax. These ministries are now thriving nonprofit organizations serving the downtown and beyond. Today we continue to move forward with Love at the Core. We invite you to join us.

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I N F O R M A T I O N

For Visitors and Newcomers

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us today. To learn more about membership, baptism, confirmation or to receive emails about upcoming events, fill out a connection card found in the pew and hand it to an usher or clergy. Or, visit jaxcathedral.org/welcome and fill out a card online.

Hakimian Nursery Hours

Our nursery is staffed with trained caregivers for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old every Sunday from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Children and Youth

Christian formation for ages 4 through 12th grade is offered at 10 a.m. If you need help finding a classroom, please ask an usher. All ages join the 10 a.m. service at the time of The Peace.

4 year olds - 2nd grade, Lower-level Classroom
3rd - 5th grade, Cummings Chapel.
6th grade - High School, Undercroft Youth

Prayer and Care

Our clergy and lay ministers visit hospitals, bless babies born and those that are dying, counsel the sick, and offer comfort in any way that we can. Call the Church Office anytime and ask for Pastoral Care. If you are calling after hours, just press 4, and your call will be routed to a member of the clergy. You may also choose the prayer request option under Contact on our website for a quick and confidential response.

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Good Friday, April 7

6 p.m. Colors of Grace

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross with music and poetry. Cathedral

Hayley Tuller, narrator; Timothy Tuller, organ.

Holy Saturday, April 8

9 a.m. Holy Saturday liturgy followed by decorating the Cathedral with lilies.

9 a.m. Holy Week Quiet Garden Morning
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Easter Sunday, April 9

6 a.m. The Great Vigil, Cathedral

The first celebration of Easter begins in candlelight with Holy Baptism. We greet the sunrise with The Great Noise and Holy Eucharist. (Bring your noisemakers!)

8 a.m. Easter Breakfast, Taliaferro Hall

9 a.m. Family Eucharist & Flowering of the Cross, Cathedral

Children are encouraged to bring fresh cut flowers for the cross.

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt, Cathedral Park

11:15 a.m. Eucharist, Cathedral
(incense will be used)



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