



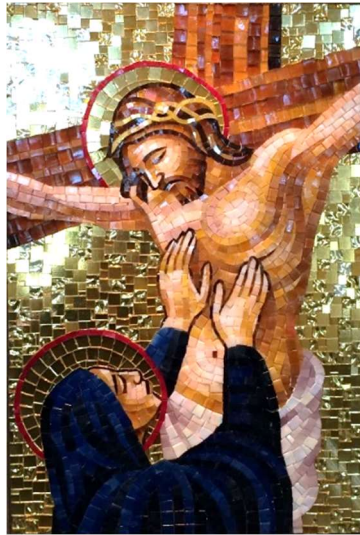
All Saints Anglican Church

BIBLICAL FAITH + APOSTOLIC ROOTS

March 29, 2024

Good Friday – 7 PM

The Seven Last Words of Christ From the Cross



PRELUDE

Charis Williams, Violin

WELCOME

Officiant All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way;

People **And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

Isaiah 53.6

Let us pray.

The congregation prays in unison:

Almighty God, we beseech 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.

The congregation stands and sings the following hymn:

Arr. J.S. Bach, 18th cent.

112 O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn,
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn,
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflow'r?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heav'n adore!

Thy beauty, long desired, hath vanished from our sight;
Thy pow'r is all expired, and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace;
Show me, O love most highest, The brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd to stand thy cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-belovèd, yet thank thee for thy death.

The congregation may be seated for the first lesson

OPENING SCRIPTURE: John 19.1-16a *Pew Bible, p. 905*

He delivered him over to them to be crucified.

INVITATORY ANTHEM: *Palestrina, 16th cent.*

<i>O Bone Jesu, miserere nobis,</i>	O good Jesus, have mercy on us,
<i>quia tu creasti nos,</i>	Because you created us,
<i>tu redemisti nos</i>	you have redeemed us
<i>sanguine tuo praetiosissimo.</i>	With your most precious blood.

THE FIRST WORD: Luke 23.26-34a *Pew Bible, p. 884*

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Jerry Brannon
Retired U.S. Air Force Chaplain (Presbyterian)

ANTHEM

Appalachian folk hymn, 19th cent.
Arr. Trevor Manor

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!
While millions join the theme, I will sing! I will sing!

THE SECOND WORD: Luke 23.35-43 *Pew Bible, p. 884*

Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Alan Hansen
Associate for Discipleship & Spiritual Growth, All Saints

Please stand for the singing of the following hymn

405 How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss!
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen one
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Third Word

THE THIRD WORD: John 19.19-27 *Pew Bible, p. 905*
Woman, behold, your son! ...Behold, your mother!

MEDITATION

The Very Rev. Michael Fry
Rector, All Saints

Please stand for the singing of the following hymn

Irish, 19th cent.

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die;
My soul is purchased by his blood:
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God,
With Christ my Savior and my God.

The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Fourth Word

THE FOURTH WORD: Matthew 27.39-43, 45-46 p. 834
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

MEDITATION

The Very Rev. George Tsahakis
*Pastor of St. Christopher Hellenic Orthodox Church, PTC
Chancellor of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Atlanta*

Please stand for the singing of the following hymn

Latin, 6th cent.

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,
Sing the winning of the fray;
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the high triumphal lay:
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a victim won the day.

Thirty years he dwelt among us,
His appointed time fulfilled;
Born for this, he met his passion;
This the Savior freely willed:
On the cross the Lamb was lifted,
Where his precious blood was spilled.

He endured the nails, the spitting,
Vinegar, and spear, and reed;
From that holy body, broken,
Blood and water forth proceed;
Earth, and stars, and sky, and ocean,
By that flood from stain are freed.

The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Fifth Word

THE FIFTH WORD: John 19.28-29

Pew Bible, p. 906

I thirst.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Judy Roberts
Ordained Minister, Assemblies of God

Please stand for the singing of the following hymn

German, 17th cent.

121 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Sixth Word

THE SIXTH WORD: John 19.30a *Pew Bible, p. 906*

It is finished.

MEDITATION

The Rev. John Barnes

Retired Sr. Pastor, 1st United Methodist Church, Fayetteville

ANTHEM

Henry Purcell, 17th cent.

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not, shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
But spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy,
O God, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,*

*thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death, for any pains of death,
to fall, to fall from thee. Amen.*

The congregation may be seated for the reading of the Seventh Word

THE SEVENTH WORD: Luke 23.44b-49 *Bible, p. 884*

Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!

MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Cass Daly
Pastoral Counseling, All Saints

ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis, 16th cent.

*If ye love me,
Keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And he shall give you another comforter,
That he may 'bide with you forever,
Ev'n the spirit of truth*

SOLEMN COLLECTS

The Officiant says

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 everlasting life.

We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

The People kneel as they are able.

Let us pray for the holy Church throughout the world: that the Lord our God may preserve her in unity, peace, and safety, bringing into divine subjection all powers and

principalities; and that he may grant us to dwell in such peace and tranquility that we may show forth the glory of God.

The congregation prays in unison:

Almighty Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth, with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Let us pray for the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Georgia and for all in Civil Authority; that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek God's honor and glory: and that we, remembering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them in accordance with God's holy Word.

The congregation prays in unison:

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and whose power is infinite: We commend our nation to your merciful care, that being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to our President, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Let us pray to God the Father Almighty, that he would cleanse the world from all evil; deliver it from pestilence and famine; set free those who are in captivity; restore the sick to health; and bring those who travel to a haven of safety.

The congregation prays in unison:

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.

Silence

Let us pray for all who are in heresy or schism: that the Lord our God may deliver them from all false doctrine, and restore them to the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

The congregation prays in unison:

O God of truth and love, who desires not the death of sinners but rather that they should turn from their wickedness and live: Look with mercy on those who are deceived by the lies of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that the hearts of those who have gone astray may be restored to wisdom and return to the way of truth in the unity of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Let us pray for the Jewish people: that the Lord our God may look graciously upon them, and that they may come to know Jesus as the Messiah, and as the Lord of all.

The congregation prays in unison:

Almighty and everlasting God, you established your covenant with Abraham and his seed: Hear the prayers of your Church, that the people through whom you brought blessing to the world may also receive the blessing of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Let us pray for all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

The congregation prays in unison:

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.

Silence

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The congregation prays in unison:

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Remaining kneeling, the congregation sings the following hymn:

African American Spiritual, 19th cent.

- 109 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
... nailed him to the tree?...
... laid him in the tomb?...

Officiant. Let us pray.

The congregation prays in unison:

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; peace and rest to the dead; to your holy Church unity and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Ministers and People depart in silence.

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