

Good Friday

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

April 7, 2023

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Lincoln, NE

Prelude

"Choral Dorian" by Jehan Alain

Welcome

Opening Sentences

Deacon Megan Woita

One: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

All: We read the scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the emotions of the day Christ died.

One: Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

All: But in the cross, God meets us in our own suffering.

One: From this day forward, we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

All: God, into your hands we commend our spirits.

Hymn #220

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Call to Confession

The promise of our faith is that if we call on the Lord, our God will remember our sin no more. Therefore, let us turn to God in prayer, first using the printed words, then in a time of silent personal reflection and confession. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession

Christ, at times we act as if we do not know you. At times we say of you, 'away with him!' When we think of those times in our lives, we weep and ask you to forgive us. (A time of silent confession follows.)

One: O Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

All: Amen.

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Introduction

The First Word

Rev. Chris Peters

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

Luke 23:33-34

Reflection

The Second Word

Deacon Megan Woita

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

Luke 23:39-43

Hymn #227

Jesus, Remember Me

The Third Word

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

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

John 19:23-27

Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

The Fourth Word

Rev. Chris Peters

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

Matthew 27:45-51

Hymn #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Fifth Word

Deacon Megan Woita

“I am thirsty.”

John 19:28-29

Hymn #221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

The Sixth Word

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

“It is finished.”

John 19:30-37

Special Music

"Were You There" Traditional Spiritual

arr. Kyle Pederson

Westminster Choir Sextet

The Seventh Word

Rev. Chris Peters

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

Luke 23:44-49

Time of Silent Reflection

The Prayers of the People

Deacon Megan Woita

The Lord's Prayer

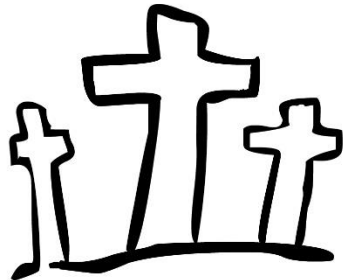
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Musical Piece

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"
by Robert Buckley Farlee

All depart in silence.

The service continues Easter Day.



EASTER SERVICES

Easter Sunday | April 9

8 AM – Easter Worship

9:15-9:45 AM (Garden Room) – Coffee and Conversation

10 AM – Easter Worship

Services will be in-person and live-streamed.

Please note: We will not have Faith Village or Youth Group on Easter Sunday. Nursery care will be available for both the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

Westminster welcomes and values children in worship. If a parent feels a break is needed for their child during the service, our **Infant Room** is available. This is located off the entry foyer through the Sheridan Blvd./West-end sanctuary doors. When you enter the foyer, turn to your right, where the door will be open.

Giving to Westminster's Mission and Ministry

At Church: An offering to support Westminster may be placed in our Giving Baskets following the service. These are located by the Sheridan Blvd. doors in the narthex and the sanctuary elevator exit. Look for the signs that read "Giving Basket."



For online giving, scan the QR code.

Ministers: The whole congregation

Pastors: Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Liturgist: Deacon Megan Woita

Music Director: Ronnie Zanella

Organist: John Ross

Director of Children & Youth: Trish Souliere

Ushers: Diana Wild, April Douglas

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