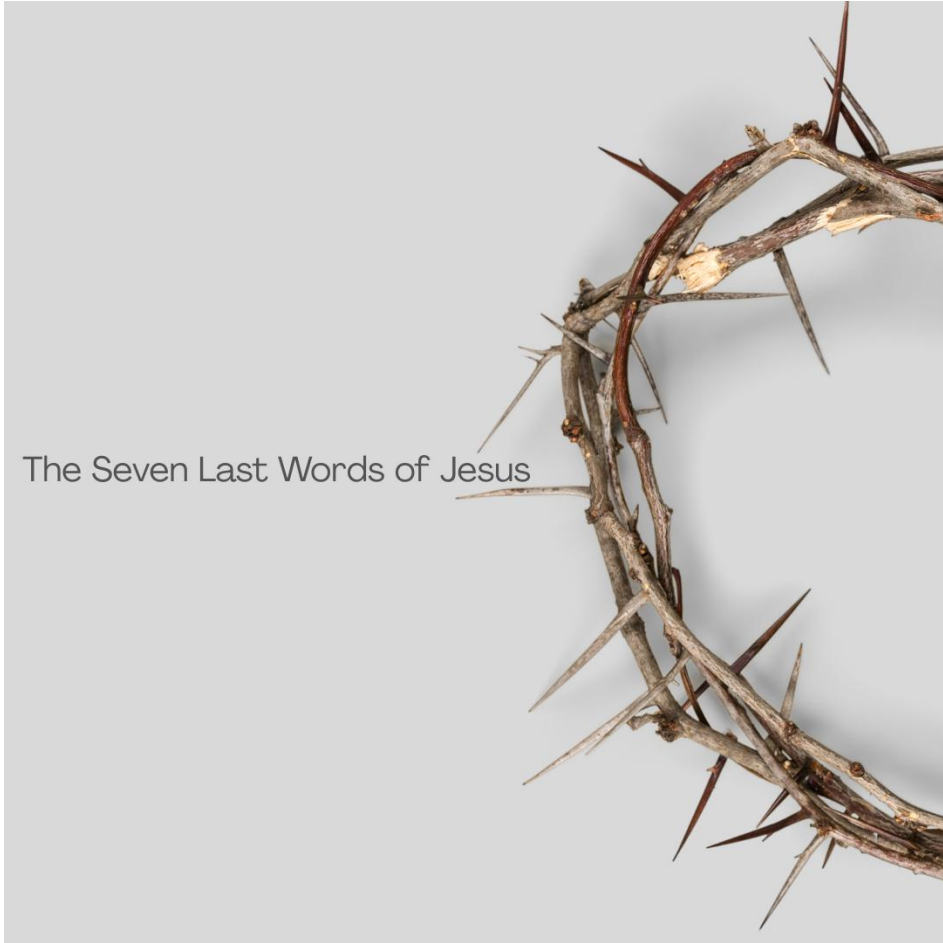


Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

April 3, 2026

Good Friday



The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Please rise in body or spirit for the parts of worship with an asterisk () before the title.
Parts of worship that are *bolded and italicized* are for all worshippers to read together aloud.

Prelude

“Choral dorian” by Jehan Alain

Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

***Call to Worship** (Isaiah 52:13)

Deacon Claire Titus

One: Come and see the beloved Son of God.

Many: He is high and lifted up.

One: Come and see the Ruler of the nations.

Many: He is high and lifted up.

One: Come and see the Savior of the world.

Many: He is high and lifted up—upon a cross.

***Hymn #220**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Confession: Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

One: O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me!

I delivered you from captivity through the water of baptism;
but you handed me over to my captors, giving me up to die;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven;
but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Rev. Chris Peters

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I claimed you as my family, as branches of my vine;
but you cut off my chosen ones, spilling innocent blood;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I spoke my word to you: the promise of my love for all;
but you silence my prophets, refusing to hear my voice;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Rev. Chris Peters

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness;
but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I gave you the keys to my kingdom and welcomed you inside;
but you turn away strangers, closing the doors that I open;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Rev. Chris Peters

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I offered you my peace and clothed you with compassion; Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn
but you divide my garments, tearing apart what I design;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace; Rev. Chris Peters
but you trust in your own efforts, squandering my good gifts;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

One: I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn
but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Many: Holy God, holy and mighty, have mercy upon us.

***Hymn #221**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Prayer for Illumination

The First Word: Forgive

Rev. Chris Peters

Luke 23:32-34

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

Silently Reflect: How have we betrayed the peace Jesus left us in the name of violence?

Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 1)

The Second Word: Paradise

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

Luke 23:39-43

“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Silently Reflect: How does the inaction of people of faith cause
violence, suffering, or pain?

Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 2)

The Third Word: Here is...

Deacon Claire Titus

John 19:26-27

“Dear woman, here is your Son. Here is your mother.”

Silently Reflect: When have you denied someone you loved,
a value of faith, or your faith itself?

Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 3)

The Fourth Word: Forsaken

Rev. Chris Peters

Mark 15:33-34

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

Silently Reflect: What are the consequences of valuing earthly visions
of power over-and-above the power of Jesus?

Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 4)

The Fifth Word: Thirst

Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

John 19:28

“I am thirsty.”

Silently Reflect: Imagine all that Christ thirsts for in regard to humanity.
Then, consider what it is you thirst for.

Hymn #228

Were You There

The Sixth Word: Finished

Deacon Claire Titus

John 19:29-30

“It is finished.”

Silently Reflect: How does the cross of Christ change you?
What in this story calls you to a new way of being?

Anthem

“At the Cross” – arr. Mary McDonald

*At the Cross draws us into the solemn reflection of Christ's suffering and sacrifice.
As we remember Good Friday, this anthem invites meditation on God's mercy, love,
and the redemption offered through the cross.*

The Seventh Word: Commit

Rev. Chris Peters

Luke 23:44-46

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

Silent Reflection

Tolling of the Bell

*You may depart when you feel so led and ready. Please remain silent and depart in
silence.*

Ministers: The whole congregation

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

Liturgist: Deacon Claire Titus

Music Director: Wes Hansmeyer **Organist:** John Ross

Ushers: Gwen Thorpe, Robyn Uebele