



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

MEDITATIONS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

April 19, 2019

12:00 noon

The Federated Church of Hyannis

320 Main Street

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and
bring us to everlasting life.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION TO SERVICE

The service this afternoon is known as the “Seven Last Words of Christ.” The tradition began in Peru in the 17th century by a Jesuit priest. According to tradition, he developed a service of meditation for Good Friday based on the last words of Jesus. Soon, the tradition spread around the world and the last words of Jesus, recorded in the gospels, became part of the Church’s Lenten practice. The service includes elements of readings, responses, silent reflections and prayer, designed to help us contemplate more deeply on the passion and death of Jesus.

Meditation and Prayer, beginning with silence

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, you who were led forth into the pain of the cross for the salvation of the world: Help us to enter into your passion and death, forgive us all our sin, and bring us to eternal salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

Leader: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us, we pray. Amen.

(Silence)

Hymn

When Jesus Wept #182

THE FIRST WORD: “Father forgive them for they know not what they do”
(Luke 23:34).

REFLECTION

(Silence)

Leader: Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

#170 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

THE SECOND WORD: “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise”
(Luke 23:43)

REFLECTION

(Silence)

Leader: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us, we pray. Amen.

(Silence)

THE THIRD WORD: “Woman behold your Son!” Then he said to the disciple,
“Behold your mother!” (John 19:26–27).

REFLECTION

(Silence)

Leader: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

#184 Were You There (v. 1)

REFLECTION

(Silence)

Leader: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

#184 Were You There (v. 2)

THE FOURTH WORD: “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Matt.
27:46).

REFLECTION

(Silence)

Leader: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

#183 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (v. 3)

THE FIFTH WORD: “I thirst” (John 19:28).

REFLECTION

(Silence)

Leader: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

#184 Were You There (v. 3)

THE SIXTH WORD:

“It is finished” (John 19:30).

REFLECTION

(Silence)

Leader: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

#334 Amazing Grace (v. 1)

THE SEVENTH WORD: “Father into thy hands I commit my spirit!” (Luke 23:46).

REFLECTION

(Silence)

Leader: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us,

People: Save us and help us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn:

#325 Just As I Am, without One Plea

THE CLOSING PRAYER

O most blessed Jesus, Son of the living God: See us poor sinners through your passion and death, forgive us our sins which we have committed against you and our neighbor. Give us eternal life and everlasting joy through the blood of your cross. We give ourselves to you in faith and submission. Keep us always as your own and grant us eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(The People leave in silence.)

Our service continues on Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service St Andrews By-The Sea, Hyannisport at 5:45 am and at 10:00 am here in the Sanctuary.

You are invited. See you in church.