

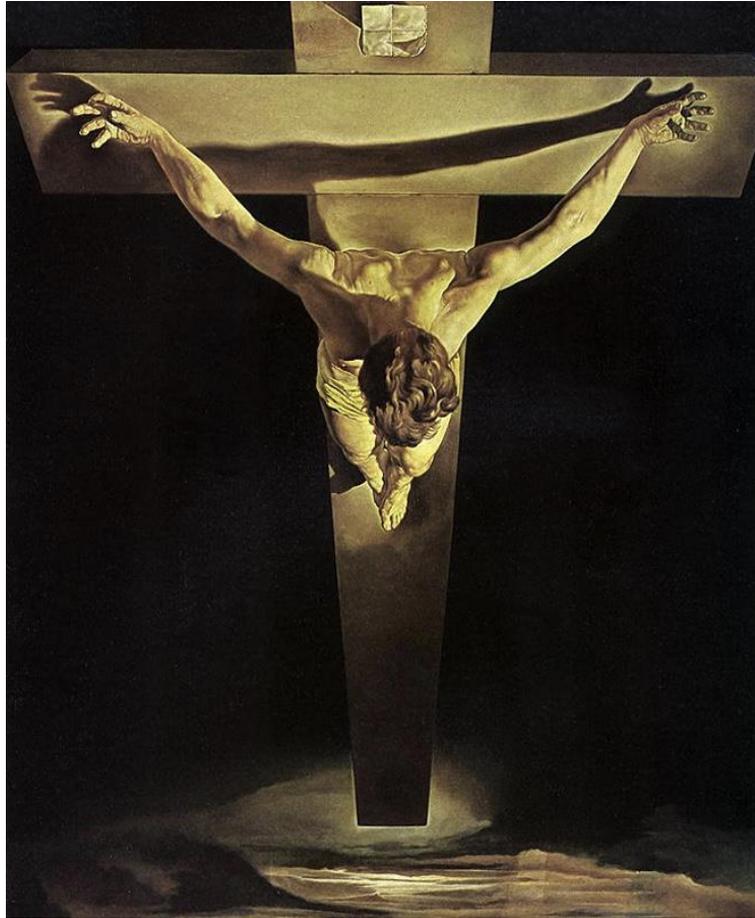
# TENEBRAE SERVICE OF THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

## NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 14, 2017

GOOD FRIDAY

WALKING IN HIS WAYS



PRELUDE

*In Paradisum*

Gabriel Fauré

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

So they took Jesus, forcing him, while he could not carry it, to bear the portion of the cross to which his hands would be nailed, and they went to the place of a skull, called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where the long poles rose from the top of the hill. We come in terror and revulsion, but this is not a day for mourning but for awe, wonder, love and gratitude.

***All you who bow in reverence, praise Him.  
All you children of faith, glorify him,  
not for his suffering, but his love they cannot kill.  
All you children of hope, stand in awe before him,  
not for his strength, but his unfailing grace.***

ANTHEM

*Meditation on the Passion Chorale*  
Adult Hand Bell Choir

Brian Childers, Arr.

OPENING SENTENCES

FIRST WORD

Luke 23: 33-34

*When they came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to the cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."*

MEDITATION ON THE FIRST WORD

Elizabeth Hopp-Peters

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

***In sacrificial love, you suffered and died that we might be made whole.***

HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Purple, No. 218, verse 1

SECOND WORD

Luke 23: 39-43

*One of the criminals who were hanged there threw insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other one rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? Here we are under the same sentence of condemnation. But we have been condemned justly, and are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done nothing wrong." Then this one said to Jesus, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "I tell you this, today you will be in Paradise with me."*

MEDITATION ON THE SECOND WORD

Ann Ohlrogge Johnson

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

***In sacrificial love, you suffered and died that we might be made whole.***

ANTHEM

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*  
Chancel Choir/Sarah Bowen, Violin

Dan Forrest

THIRD WORD

John 19: 25-27

*Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple 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 time the disciple took her to live in his home.*

MEDITATION ON THE THIRD WORD

Michael Kirby

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

***In sacrificial love, you suffered and died that we might be made whole.***

HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Purple, No. 223, verse 1

FOURTH WORD

Mark 15: 33-34/Matthew 27: 45-46

*When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon  
when Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"  
which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*

MEDITATION ON THE FOURTH WORD

Alex DeMarco

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

***In sacrificial love, you suffered and died that we might be made whole.***

HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Purple, No. 223, verse 2

FIFTH WORD

John 19: 28

*After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished,  
said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst."*

MEDITATION ON THE FIFTH WORD

Jessica Gregory

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

***In sacrificial love, you suffered and died that we might be made whole.***

ANTHEM

*Like as the Hart*  
Chancel Choir

H. Howells

SIXTH WORD

John 19: 29-30

*A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar. So a sponge  
was soaked in it, put on a stalk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips.  
When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."...*

MEDITATION ON THE SIXTH WORD

Michael Whitney

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

***In sacrificial love, you suffered and died that we might be made whole.***

## SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23: 46

*Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,  
"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."*

## MEDITATION ON THE SEVENTH WORD

Michael D. Kirby

Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

***In sacrificial love, you suffered and died that we might be made whole.***

*...Having said this, he breathed his last.*

*The congregation will leave in silence.*

## Worship Leadership This Evening

*Rev. Michael D. Kirby, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Jessica Gregory, Associate Pastor*

*Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hopp-Peters*

*Rev. Dr. Ann Ohlrogge Johnson, Parish Associate*

*Alex DeMarco, Director of Youth Ministry*

*Michael Whitney*

*Dr. Christopher Owen, Paul Vander Weele, Sarah Bowen*

*The Northminster Adult Bell Choir, The Northminster Chancel Choir*

*Soloists: Johanna Moffitt, soprano; Jackie King, alto;*

*Dennis Kalup, tenor; Steve Uliana, bass*

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