

SEQUOYAH HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christ's
Last Words



“By his bruises, we are healed.” Isaiah 53:5

Readings, Meditations, & Prayer
Good Friday Service | April 2, 2021 | 12:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

Andrew Skoog

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Rev. Mark Lampley

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Leader: Surely he has born our griefs and carried our sorrows;

People: Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus how have You offended, That mortal judgment has on You descended? By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You? It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation, Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation, Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, For my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You, I do adore You, and will ever praise You, Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, Not my deserving.

Father, forgive them...(Luke 23:34) and Reflection

Marion Hannifin

"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'
And they cast lots to divide his clothing."

(Silent Reflection & Prayer; Extinguishing of the Candle)

Today, you will be with me...(Luke 23:43) and Reflection

Rachel Hamburger

"[Jesus] replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'"

(Silent Reflection & Prayer; Extinguishing of the Candle)

SOLO: "Were You There?" stanza 1

Andrew Skoog

Woman, behold your son...(John 19:26) and Reflection

Peter Blackwell

"Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her,
and he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'"

(Silent Reflection & Prayer; Extinguishing of the Candle)

My God, My God, why...(Mark 15:34) and Reflection

Todd Stamper

"At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?'
which means, 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?'"

(Silent Reflection & Prayer; Extinguishing of the Candle)

SOLO: "Were You There?" stanza 2

Andrew Skoog

I am thirsty... (John 19:28) and Reflection

Susan Schmid

"Jesus knew that all was now finished, and he said
(in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.'"

(Silent Reflection & Prayer; Extinguishing of the Candle)

It is finished...(John 19:30) and Reflection

Mark Lampley

“When Jesus had received the wine, and he said, ‘It is finished.’
Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”

(Silent Reflection & Prayer; Extinguishing of the Candle)

SOLO: “Were You There?” stanza 3

Andrew Skoog

Father, into Thy hands... (Luke 23:46) and Reflection

Jeff McCrory

“Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,
‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.’
Having said this, he breathed his last.”

(Silent Reflection & Prayer; Extinguishing of the Candle)

*HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s power; your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour; turn not from His griefs away, learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned; O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet, mark the miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete; “It is finished!” hear Him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless clay: all is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away? Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

SILENT EXIT: Congregation is invited to exit in silence. Pick up a nail as you exit to carry with you this weekend, reminding you of Christ’s sacrifice, and place it at the foot of the cross outside on Easter morning.

EASTER WORSHIP: 6:45 and 8:30 (front lawn*); 11:00 (Sanctuary/Livestream)

*Barron Hall if inclement weather