

# THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

## The 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, "Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing."

### Meditation on the First Word

#### Extinguishing The Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

**All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

★Praise: What wondrous love is this 242

## The Second Word (Luke 23:39-43)

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying: "Don't you fear God? Here we are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you this: today you will be in Paradise with me."

### Meditation on the Second Word

#### Extinguishing The Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

**All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

Choir Anthem: Lenten Sanctus by Dengler

## The Third Word (John 19:25-27)

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so 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

#### Extinguishing The Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

**All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

Silence

## The Fourth Word (Mark 15:33-34)

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Elo-I, elo-I, lama sabach-thani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

### Meditation on the Fourth Word

#### Extinguishing The Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

**All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

Praise: My song is love unknown 220

## The 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

#### Extinguishing The Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

**All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

## The Sixth Word (John 19:29-30)

A bowl was there, full of sour wine, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on a branch of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."

### Meditation on the Sixth Word

#### Extinguishing The Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

**All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

★Praise: Beneath the cross of Jesus 238

## The Seventh Word (Luke 23:46)

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

### Meditation on the Seventh Word

## Extinguishing The Candle

One: Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

**All: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

Silence

★Praise: Above All

Prayer One: Lord God, you have given us everything.

**All: You have not held anything back.**

One: Help us in like manner to give of ourselves.

**All: Sanctify us in Christ's name.**

**Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others,**

One: We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him, saying the prayer that he taught us...

**All: Our Father...**

★Praise: Were you there 233 (1-5)

Walk of the Cross (You may follow the cross to its place outside.)

The Blessing

A Time called ... Good Friday

On this dark day, we need not pretend that we don't know that Jesus will be raised. But giving the events their own day reminds us that new life comes at great cost and by way of a cross—this cross. In the same way baptism is not just about rising with Christ, but dying and rising with him. Part of our baptismal identity is given to us today, giving us the courage to face the pain, suffering and injustice in our lives and in our world. Seeing those things through the Good Friday story, we glimpse the promise of Easter.

*The loose offering from the Good Friday service and the special Easter offering envelopes will go to support the London Presbytery Refugee Sponsorship Committee.*

You are invited to Chalmers' Easter worship celebration with Holy Communion at 10am.



## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

### *The Seven Last Words*

Chalmers Presbyterian Church  
30 March 2018 11:00 am

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

★Praise: The Wonderful Cross

Prayer of Invocation

One: Let us pray.

**All: Merciful God - as we remember how your son Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, how seven times he spoke, seven words of love, we ask you to bless our hearing.**

One: Father, as we recall how all three hours His silence cried for mercy on the souls of all, we ask you to help us to understand the mystery of your love, and make us into a people who are ever more worthy of it.

**All: Amen.**