

**Good Friday Worship Service  
The Seven Words from the Cross**

**5K-8 Song** *“Bethlehem and Calvary”*

**Reading** *Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

**525, “The Lamb”** *CW 525*

**First Word** *Luke 23:32–34*

**Sentences and Prayer**

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;  
**They pierce my hands and my feet.**

They divide my garments among them  
**and cast lots for my clothing.**

He bore the sin of many,  
**and made intercession for the transgressors.**

Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.  
**Amen.**

**436, “The Seven Words”** *CW 436 v. 1*

**Second Word** *Luke 23:35–43*

**Sentences and Prayer**

All who see me mock me;  
**They hurl insults, shaking their heads.**

“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him.  
**Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”**

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.  
**Come to my aid when you save them.**

Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.  
**Amen.**

**436, “The Seven Words”** *CW 436 v. 2*

**Third Word** *John 19:25–27*

**Sentences and Prayer**

This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,  
**and to be a sign that will be spoken against,**

so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.  
**And a sword will pierce your own soul too.**

Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?  
**Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven  
is my brother and sister and mother.**

Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

**Amen.**

**436, “The Seven Words”**

*CW 436 v. 3*

**Fourth Word**

*Matthew 27:45, 46*

**Sentences and Prayer**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
**Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of  
anguish?**

My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,  
**by night, but I find no rest.**

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go  
down at noon  
**and darken the earth in broad daylight.”**

Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

**Amen.**

**436, “The Seven Words”**

*CW 436 v. 4*

**Fifth Word**

*John 19:28, 29*

**Sentences and Prayer**

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof  
of my mouth;  
**you lay me in the dust of death.**

I am worn out calling for help;  
**my throat is parched.**

They put gall in my food  
**and gave me vinegar for my thirst.**

Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

**Amen.**

**436, “The Seven Words”**

*CW 436 v. 5*

**Sixth Word**

*John 19:30*

**Sentences and Prayer**

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
**to cleanse them from sin and impurity.**

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
**I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.**

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.  
**I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.**

Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

**Amen.**

**436, "The Seven Words"**

*CW 436 v. 6*

**Seventh Word**

*Luke 23:44–46*

**Sentences and Prayer**

Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
**deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.**

He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;  
**he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

**He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name

and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

**Amen.**

**436, "The Seven Words"**

*CW 436 v. 7*

**Passion History Reading**

*Lesson 7*

**437, "Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor"**

*CW 437*

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Day**

**Lord's Prayer**

*Be seated*

**Dismissal Statement**

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

**Amen.**

*The congregation exits in silence.*