

Call To Worship (John 13:34-35)

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

We contemplate the good news of the cross: how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to embrace a world of suffering and sin; how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us, high and lifted up — upon a cross.

The Last Seven Words of Christ 1st Word - Luke 23:32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

#216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

#216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

#216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; lask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

Eternal God, we come before you as a people who have fallen from your grace. We have gone astray from the path that Christ as shown us. Yet, you have demonstrated your unconditional love and grace upon the cross even when we do not deserve it. Forgive us, O God, and send us into the world in action to bear witness to your resurrected hope and the life through your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray,

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Declaration of Forgiveness

God embraces us for who we are. God sent God's only begotten Son to the cross in order that we may live. Through his outstretched arms, his pierced hands and feet upon the cross, Christ declared God's ultimate love for us. He has forgiven us and is sending us now to love and forgive others as well. Thanks be to God, Amen.

The Last Seven Words of Christ 2nd Word - Luke 23:35-43

35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

The Last Seven Words of Christ 2nd Word - Luke 23:35-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

#221 40 Sacred Head, Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down now scornfully surrounded with thoms, thing only erown, O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

40 Sacred Head, Now Wounded What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain: mine mas the transgressio out the decly oath. Lo, here Lielly my Savior! Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

To Sacred Head, Now Wounded What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend for this thy dying sorrow The officers O make me thine forever; and should lainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

The Last Seven Words of Christ 3rd Word – John 19:25-27

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." 27 Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.



What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

#215 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

#215 What Wondrous Love Is This"

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

#215 "What Wondrous Love Is This" And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

The Last Seven Words of Christ 4th Word - Mark 15:33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 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?" 35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

The Last Seven Words of Christ 4th Word - Mark 15:33-39

³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37 Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 38 And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39 Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed? (At the Cross)

The Last Seven Words of Christ 5th Word - John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

The Last Seven Words of Christ 6th Word - John 19:30-31

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 31 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.



Holy Communion



The Last Seven Words of Christ 7th Word - Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Offering of our Gifts and our Lives

Offertory Prayer:

Presbyterian Hope in Action

Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.

And whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

2 Corinthians 9:6



Bearing and Following the WORD into the World The Charge and Benediction



