

Seven Words of Christ on the Cross

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

We welcome you
in Jesus' name
to Shepherd of the Hills.
May God's Spirit
give you joy
as you ponder the peace
of knowing what Jesus
has done for you ~
how deeply
and dearly
you are loved!

Serving Today...

Homilies:

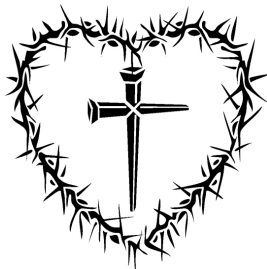
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- Rev. Brad Stoltenow
- Rev. Ben Oesch

Musicians:

- Gail Black, organ
- Brad Gillund, piano
- Shepherd's Chorale



RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Rev. Brad Stoltenow, Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial

ADORATION OF THE KING ON THE CROSS

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the Salvation of the whole world: Jesus, the King of the Cross, the Father's Word fulfilled!

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER

2 Corinthians 13:14

Pastor (P): The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation (C): Amen!

P: We pray: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy, but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified, mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen!

HYMN # 422 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase;

Let the clear inscription be:

Jesus, crucified for me, is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!

+++ The First Word: "Father, Forgive." +++

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We praise You, O Christ.

C: By Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY Isaiah 53:4-5, 8-9

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.



HIStory Luke 23:33-35

When they came to the place that is called The skull, there they crucified Jesus, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!"

RESPONSE

P: These are the words of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

HYMN # 613 "To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All"

**To Thee, omniscient Lord of all, in grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord, the sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!**

**O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, but let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!**

**O Jesus, let Thy precious blood be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away,
But grant that justified I may go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to Me!**

HOMILY

Rev. Roger Wohletz; Christ, Denver

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 68:1, 3

P: God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

C: **But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!**

PRAYER

Matthew 6:15; Ephesians 4:32

P: God's Word says: "If you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your sins." It also says, "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

ALL: Father, many times I have sinned and did not stop to think: it was my own thoughts that were less than perfect love, my misdeeds large and small which were also responsible for Jesus' crucifixion. Father, forgive me, and grant me Your Holy Spirit, so that I will also forgive those who sin against me. May Your Holy Spirit enable me to fight against sin and live for You. In Jesus' name I pray. AMEN

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+++ The Second Word: "Today You Will be with Me in Paradise." +++

~12:25~

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We praise You, O Christ.

C: **By Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:3-4

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

HYMN # 610 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin; from worldly passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed; let me Your loving servant be and taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me amid the battle's strife; in all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me that, when this life is past, I may th'eternal brightness see and share Your joy at last.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY Isaiah 53:6, 10-12

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

HIStory Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Jesus, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed



justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

RESPONSE

P: These are the words of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

ANTHEM *Sanctus (sung in German)*

*Holy is the Lord. Holy is He alone. He, without beginning, He who always was, ever is, and rules; His reign will never end....
All might, wonder, love—all are circling 'round [about Him]. Holy is the Lord.*

HOMILY

Rev. Chris Matthis; Epiphany, Castle Rock

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Romans 15:13

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

C: **AMEN**

PRAYER

Matthew 26:28

P: Jesus said, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." The dying thief received Jesus' gift of forgiveness and eternal life. May we also rejoice in the overflowing fountain of Jesus' forgiveness, given with great love, and look forward to the day when Christ takes us home.

ALL: Thank You, Jesus, for promising me the gift of Paradise—not on my own merit, for I would never achieve that goal, but by faith in Your all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross. Make me worthy of this gift. In Your name I pray. AMEN

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+++ The Third Word: Woman, Here is Your Son. Here is Your Mother. +++

~12:50~

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We praise You, O Christ.

C: **By Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

OUR CRY TO THE LORD *Psalm 51:5-6*

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

ANTHEM *Dona Nobis Pacem (sung in Latin) [Lord] give to us peace.*

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY *Isaiah 53:1-3*

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

HISTORY *John 19:25-27*

Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

RESPONSE

P: These are the words of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

HYMN # 448:1-2, 6-7 "O Darkest Woe"

**O darkest woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son now is buried yonder.**

**O child of woe: who struck the blow that killed our gracious Master?
"It was I," thy conscience cries, "I have wrought disaster!"**

**O Virgin's Son, what Thou hast won is far beyond all telling:
How our God, detested, died, hell and devil felling.**

**O Jesus Christ, who sacrificed Thy life for lifeless mortals:
Be my life in death and bring me to heaven's portals!**

HOMILY

Rev. John Larson; Ascension, Littleton

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

John 16:22, 30

P: You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

C: **AMEN. We believe!**





PRAYER

Exodus 20:12

P: Even on the cross Jesus lived the perfect life in our behalf. Scripture says: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." Here He also joins all believers into one holy family, the Communion of Saints. This eternal family is also His gift to us.

ALL: Thank You, Lord, for sharing this compelling example of devotion to parents, even under very difficult circumstances. Give me Your grace that I may be so faithful. May I also rejoice in the fellowship of my Christian family and live in peace and harmony with them all. In the name of Jesus. AMEN



+++ The Fourth Word: "My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" +++

~1:15~

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We praise You, O Christ.

C: **By Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:7-9

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

HYMN # 588:2 "Jesus Loves Me"

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide.

He has washed away my sin, lets His little child come in.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY Psalm 22:1-8

My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry by day, but You do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In You our fathers trusted; they trusted, and You delivered them. To You they cried and were rescued; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see Me mock Me; they make mouths at Me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"

HISTORY Matthew 27:45-49

Now from the sixth hour [that is, noon] there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him."

RESPONSE

P: These are the words of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

ANTHEM Behold! The Lamb of God

HOMILY

Rev. Maurice Goldhammer, Emeritus; Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial
When It Is Dark Before It Is Supposed to Be

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Habakkuk 3:17-18

P: Though the fig tree should not blossom nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,

C: **yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**

PRAYER

2 Corinthians 5:21

P: Holy Scripture answers Jesus' dying question: "For our sake God made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

ALL: How terrible are my sins, dear Jesus, that You had to be forsaken by Your Father. Thank You for enduring this agony, that I might never have to be separated from my Father in heaven. May I be reunited with Him through faith in Your bitter passion. I pray in Your name. AMEN



+++ The Fifth Word: "I Am Thirsty." +++

~1:40~

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We praise You, O Christ.

C: **By Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**



OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

HYMN # 450:2-3, 5 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy face now languish that once was bright as morn!
Grim death, with cruel rigor, hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinner's gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, and grant to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love for Thee.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY Psalm 69:1-3, 19-21

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

You know My reproach, and My shame and My dishonor; My foes are all known to You. Reproaches have broken My heart, so that I am in despair. I looked for pity, but there was none. They gave Me poison for food, and for My thirst they gave Me sour wine to drink.

HISTORY John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth.

RESPONSE

P: These are the words of the Lord.

C: AMEN

HYMN # 752:1, 3 "Be Still, My Soul"

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still my soul; though dearest friends depart and all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart, who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away.

HOMILY

Rev. Jim Tuell; Immanuel, Englewood

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Isaiah 12:3-4

P: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

C: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

PRAYER

John 7:37; John 4:14

P: Let us realize the deep spiritual thirst we have and listen to Jesus' words: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink," and "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again."

ALL: Dear Jesus, You thirsted for the sake of my salvation. Make me thirsty for Your Word, so that I will give faithful attention to the reading of Scripture, worship, and the Sacraments; thus, by Your grace, I will not have to be thirsty eternally in hell. Make me concerned for the spiritual drought of others who do not know You, that by learning of You as their Savior, their thirst may be satisfied with Your salvation. In Your name I pray. Amen!

ANTHEM O Come and Mourn

O come and mourn with me a while; all ye now come to the Savior's side; come see the One who frees us all;
the Lord of Life is crucified.

Have we no tears to shed for Him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride? Upon the cross He bears our pain....
Seven times He speaks, seven words of love; His silence too cries out to all. His words of love our hearts receive....

O Love of God, O sin of man, in this dread hour true strength is found. It is with love we triumph still.
The Lord of Life is crucified....

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+++ The Sixth Word: "It Is Finished!" +++

~2:05~

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We praise You, O Christ.

C: **By Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:13-15

I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

HYMN # 547:1, 3-4 "The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?

Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!

The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY Isaiah 52:13-15; Psalm 22:30-31

Behold, My servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at You—His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall He sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of Him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand.

Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

HISTORY John 19:30

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

RESPONSE

P: These are the words of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

HYMN # 453:1, 5-7 "Upon the Cross Extended"

Upon the cross extended see, world, your Lord suspended. Your Savior yields His breath.

The Prince of Life from heaven Himself has freely given to shame and blows and bitter death.

Your soul in griefs unbounded, Your head with thorns surrounded, You died to ransom me.

The cross for me enduring, the crown for me securing, You healed my wounds and set me free.

Your cords of love, my Savior, bind me to You forever, I am no longer mine.

To You I gladly tender all that my life can render and all I have to You resign.

Your cross I place before me; its saving pow'r restore me, sustain me in the test.

It will, when life is ending, be guiding and attending my way to Your eternal rest.

HOMILY

Rev. Duane Feldmann, Emeritus; Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Isaiah 52:9-10

P: Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C: **And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God!**

PRAYER

Ephesians 2:8-10

P: Jesus did it all; through the power of the Holy Spirit we accept this gift in faith. To try to work our way into God's favor or pay for any of our own sins is an affront to our Lord Jesus and His perfect work of redemption. Scripture says: "By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Our good works are a result of our salvation and a demonstration of our faith: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

ALL: Thank You, Lord Jesus! Give me Your grace, that I may accept Your gift of forgiveness by faith, because I know I could never earn it. Fill my life with the desire to offer good works of love and service to You and to my neighbor, done in thankfulness for the new life You won for me on the cross. AMEN



+++ The Seventh Word: "Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit." +++

~2:30~

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We praise You, O Christ.

C: **By Your holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

OUR CRY TO THE LORD Psalm 51:16-17

You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; You will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY Psalm 31:1-5, 24

In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! For You are my rock and my fortress, and for Your name's sake You lead and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge.

Into Your hand I commit My spirit; You have redeemed Me, O LORD, faithful God. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

HISTORY Luke 23:44-49

It was now about the sixth hour [that is, about 3pm], and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all Jesus' acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

RESPONSE

P: These are the words of the Lord.

C: **AMEN**

HYMN # 878:1, 5-6 "Abide with Me"

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting?! Where, grave, thy victory?! I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.

Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

HOMILY

Rev. Craig Patterson, Emeritus; Grace, Parker

RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 16:9-11

P: My heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol or let Your Holy One see corruption.

C: **You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

PRAYER

Romans 14:8

P: Because of Good Friday and the gift of God's love and mercy in Christ, we may confidently declare with St. Paul: "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." In His comfort we live and have purpose for our lives. And in our dying, we give witness of His faithfulness to us and our faith and trust in Him. Let us, therefore, commit our whole lives to God:

ALL: Father, I willingly and joyfully commit my life into Your hands, for now and for eternity, in Jesus' name. AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Romans 6:3-4

P: On this most holy day, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing also with great joy in the Good News of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. We also recall our death and resurrection in the waters of Baptism. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

C: **"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."**



Today
He who
hung the earth
upon the
waters
is hung
upon
the cross.

He who
is King
of the angels
is arrayed
in a crown
of thorns.

He who
wraps the
heaven
in clouds
is wrapped
in the purple
of mockery.

The
Bridegroom
of the Church
is transfixed
with nails.

The Son
of the Virgin
is pierced
with a spear.

We venerate
Thy Passion,
O Christ.

Show us also
Thy glorious
Resurrection.

P: In Holy Baptism, God has made us members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. Let us together in Christ hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C: **AMEN. Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER

P: Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death; and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through Your grace, eternal glory in the life to come.

C: **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. AMEN**

HYMN # 490:1, 3, 5 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; this shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died, hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; this shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death but the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath when I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
JESUS IS MY CONFIDENCE!**

✠ THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT! ✠

Shepherd of the Hills Celebrates ~ You are welcome to join us!

Good Friday Tenebrae (Service of Darkness): 7 PM

Easter ~ The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Sunrise 6:30 AM | Traditional 8/10:45 AM | Contemporary 10:45 AM

