

Mountain View Lutheran Church
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 3, 2015

A Service of the Seven Words
"Hour of Death"

*We gather quietly to consider the Seven Words from the Cross spoken by our Savior Jesus Christ and his willing death for our sins.
(Prayers before worship: Hymnal, p.10-11)*

BELL TOLL -- 33 Times (for the 33 years of the life of Christ upon earth)

HYMN 113 "Upon the Cross Extended"

LESSON Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

OUR RESPONSE Hymn 140 st. 1, 2, 6

PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST WORD--In the Hour of Death, Forgiveness
Luke 23:34

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Devotion

Silence for meditation

HYMN 121 st. 1,2, 4, 5 "Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"

SECOND WORD -- In the Hour of Death, a Promise
Luke 23:43

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Devotion

Silence for meditation.

A candle is extinguished.

HYMN 118 "O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head"

THIRD WORD -- In the Hour of Death, Concern for Another John 19:26

'When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," '

Devotion

Silence for meditation

HYMN 138 "Oh, Perfect Life of Love"

FOURTH WORD -- In the Hour of Death, Suffering the Pains of hell

Matthew 27:46

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ""Eloi, Eloi," "lama" "sabachthani?"""--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Devotion

Silence for meditation

HYMN 110 st. 1-4, 7 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

FIFTH WORD -- In the Hour of Death, Fulfilling his Father's Word John 19:28

"I am thirsty."

Devotion

Silence for meditation

HYMN 139 st. 5 "Jesus in Your Dying Woes"

SIXTH WORD -- In the Hour of Death completing his mission John 19:30

"It is finished."

Devotion

Silence for meditation

Candle is extinguished

HYMN 119 "Were You There"

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SEVENTH WORD -- In the Hour of Death leaving all things to his Father

Luke 23:46

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Devotion

Silence for meditation

HYMN 139 st. 7

OFFERING

Christ candle removed

BIDDING PRAYER

(The Bidding prayer is an ancient element of the service. The minister speaks the bid first, then the prayer.)

M: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to the Lord.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

M: Almighty and everlasting God you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs and to carry our sorrows. Help those

who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation that they may not be over whelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

CLOSING HYMN 122 "Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

Christ Candle is returned to the altar.

M: And on the third day he rose from the dead, triumphant over sin, death and hell.

Worshippers may remain for meditation and prayer and disperse as each one wishes.

Easter Sunday Schedule:

Easter Worship Service — 8:15 am

Easter Worship Service — 10:5 am