Seven Last Words of Christ

The Solemn Prayers

Veneration of the Cross

Good Friday

Mass of the Pre-sanctified

April 10, 2020

The Way of The Cross

Minister’s Entrance

**Presider: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

People: Amen.

**Presider: Let us pray.**

 **Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake You became like the grain of wheat that falls to the earth and dies, so that it may bear much fruit. You have invited us to take up our own crosses and follow You along this path, and further said that “Those who love their life will lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”**

 **Grant us this day, as we walk with You on the Way of the Cross, a revelation of what Your Cross meant to You, and what our Cross means to us. Grant us today the grace of contemplation, in Your Name we pray.**

***All:* *Amen.***

The Seven Last Words Of Christ

First Word

“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” *(Luke 23: 34)*

 Presider: And when they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him. But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

The Extinguishing of the First Candle

Reflection

**Lamb of God**

***Twila Paris; c. Straightway Music)***

*1) Your only Son, no sin to hide,*

*But You have sent Him from Your side*

*To walk upon this guilty sod*

*And to become the Lamb of God.*

*Chorus 1) O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,*

*I love the holy Lamb of God!*

*O wash me in Your precious Blood,*

*My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*2) Your gift of love they crucified,*

*They laughed and scorned Him as He died*

*The humble King they named a fraud,*

*And sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

*3) I was so lost, I should have died,*

*But You have brought me to Your side*

*To be led by Your staff and rod,*

*And to be called a lamb of God.*

*Chorus 2) O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,*

*I love the holy Lamb of God!*

*O wash me in Your precious Blood,*

*'Til I am just a lamb of God.*

Second Word

“Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with Me.” *(Luke 23: 43)*

Presider: And they crucified Him with two criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. And one of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!”

 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”

 And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

The Extinguishing of the Second Candle

Reflection

**Lead Me to Calvary**

***(William J. Kirkpatrick / Jennie Evelyn Hussey;***

***c. Hope PublishingCompany)***

*1) King of my life I crown Thee now --*

*Thine shall the glory be;*

*Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow,*

*lead me to Calvary!*

*Chorus)*

*Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Thine agony;*

*Lest I forget Thy love for me; lead me to Calvary.*

*2) Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,*

*tenderly mourned and wept;*

*Angels in robes of light arrayed,*

*guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.*

*3) Let me like Mary, through the gloom,*

*come with a gift to Thee;*

*Show to me now the empty tomb,*

*lead me to Calvary.*

*4) May I be willing, Lord, to bear,*

*daily my cross for Thee;*

*Even Thy cup of grief to share,*

*Thou hast borne all for me.*

Third Word

“See, O Woman! Here behold thy son beloved.” *(John 19: 26)*

Presider: But there were standing by the Cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore 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 into his own household.

The Extinguishing of the Third Candle

Reflection

**TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS**

***(Helen H. Lemmel, c. Singspiration Music)***

*1)*

*O soul, are you weary and troubled?*

*No light in the darkness you see?*

*There's light for a look at the Savior,*

*And life more abundant and free!*

*Chorus)*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,*

*Look full in His wonderful face;*

*And the things of earth will grow strangely dim*

*In the light of His glory and grace.*

*2)*

*Through death into life everlasting*

*He passed, and we follow Him there;*

*Over us sin no more hath dominion,*

*For more than conquerors we are!*

*3)*

*His Word shall not fail you - He promised,*

*Believe Him, and all will be well;*

*Then go to a world that is dying,*

*His perfect salvation to tell.*

Fourth Word

“God, My Father, Why hast Thou forsaken Me?” *(Matthew 27: 46)*

Presider: Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama Sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

The Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle

Reflection

**WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS**

***(Isacc Watts; c. Public domain)***

*1) 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.*

*2) 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.*

*3) 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?*

*4) 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!*

Fifth Word

“I am athirst.” *(John 19: 28)*

Presider: After this Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop, and brought it up to His mouth.

The Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle

Reflection

**WERE YOU THERE?**

*1) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*2) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*3) Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*4) Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*5) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

*6) Were you there when he rose up from the dead?*

*Were you there when he rose up from the dead?*

*Sometimes I feel like shouting 'Glory, glory, glory!'*

*Were you there when he rose up from the dead?*

Sixth Word

“It is finished!” *(John 19: 30)*

Presider: When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.

The Extinguishing of the Sixth Candle

Reflection

**O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED**

***(Hans Leo Hassler; 12th Century)***

*1) O sacred Head, now wounded,*

*with grief and shame weighed down,*

*Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thy only crown,*

*How art Thou pale with anguish,*

*with sore abuse and scorn!*

*How does that visage languish*

*which once was bright as morn!*

*2) What Thou, my Lord,*

*has suffered was all for sinners' 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, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.*

*3) 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*

Seventh Word

“Father, into Thy hands I commit My soul.”

*(Luke 23: 46)*

Presider: And darkness fell over the whole land until about the ninth hour, the sun being obscured; and Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Thy hands I commit My Spirit.”

The Extinguishing of the Seventh Candle

Reflection

**HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS**

***(Merrill Dunlop / Thomas O. Chisholm;***

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*1) He was wounded for our transgressions,*

*He bore our sins in His body on the tree;*

*For our guilt He gave us peace,*

*from our bondage gave release,*

*And with His stripes, and with His stripes,*

*and with His stripes our souls are healed.*

*2) He was numbered among transgressors,*

*we did esteem Him forsaken by His God;*

*As our sacrifice He died, that the law be satisfied,*

*And all our sin, and all our sin,*

*and all our sin was laid on Him.*

*3) We had wandered, we all had wandered far from the fold of the "Shepherd of the sheep;"*

*But He sought us where we were,*

*on the mountains bleak and bare,*

*And brought us home, and brought us home,*

*and brought us safely home to God.*

*4) Who can number His generation?*

 *Who shall declare all the triumphs of His cross?*

*Millions dead now live again,*

*myriads follow in His train!*

*Victorious Lord, victorious Lord,*

*victorious Lord and coming King!*

Removal of the Christ Candle

Strepitus

Solemn Prayers

Deacon: Dear people of God: Our heavenly Father sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved; that all who believe in Him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with Him of everlasting life.

 We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs, devoutly kneeling.

Any in-house except Bishop’s Unit kneel

Deacon: Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God, that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world and to grant that, leading our lives in tranquility and quiet, we may glorify God the Father Almighty.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, Who in Christ revealed Your glory to all the nations, watch over the works of Your mercy, that Your Church, spread throughout all the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in confessing Your Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

*Deacon:* Let us pray also for our patriarch Craig Bates, that our God and Lord, Who chose him for the Order of Bishops, may keep him safe and unharmed for the Lord’s holy Church, to govern the holy People of God.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, by Whose decree all things are founded, look with favor on our prayers and in Your kindness protect the man chosen for us; also the pope and all other Christian leaders, that, under them, the Christian people, governed by You their maker, may grow in merit by reason of their faith; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Deacon: Let us pray also for our Primate Bishop Ricardo, our Bishop Ariel, for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons of the Church, and for the whole of the faithful people.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is sanctified and governed, hear our humble prayer for Your ministers, that, by the gift of Your grace, all may serve You faithfully; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Deacon: Let us pray also for all catechumens, that our God and Lord may open wide the ears of their inmost hearts and unlock the gates of His mercy, that, having received forgiveness of all their sins through the waters of rebirth, they, too, may be one with Christ Jesus our Lord.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, Who makes Your Church ever fruitful with new offspring, increase the faith and understanding of the catechumate, that, reborn in the font of Baptism, they may be added to the number of Your adopted children; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Deacon: Let us pray also for all our brothers and sisters who believe in Christ, that our God and Lord may be pleased, as they live the truth, to gather them together and keep them in His one Church.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, Who gathers what is scattered and keeps together what You have gathered, look kindly on the flock of Your Son, that those whom one Baptism has consecrated may be joined together by integrity of faith and union in the bond of charity; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Deacon: Let us pray also for the Jewish people, to whom the Lord our God spoke first, that He may grant them to advance in love of His Name and in faithfulness to His covenant.

A time of silent prayer by all

Presider: Almighty ever-living God, who bestowed your promises on Abraham and his descendants, hear graciously the prayers of Your Church, that the people you first made your own may attain the fullness of redemption; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray also for those who do not believe in Christ, that, enlightened by the Holy Spirit,
they, too, may enter on the way of salvation.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, grant to those who do not confess Christ that, by walking before You with a sincere heart, they may find the truth and that we ourselves, being constant in mutual love and striving to understand more fully the mystery of Your life, may be made more perfect witnesses to Your love in the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Deacon: Let us pray also for those who do not acknowledge God, that, following what is right in sincerity of heart, they may find the way to God Himself.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, Who created all people to seek You always by desiring You and, by finding You, come to rest, grant, we pray, that, despite every harmful obstacle, all may recognize the signs of Your fatherly love and the witness of the good works done by those who believe in You, and so in gladness confess You, the one true God and Father of our human race; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Deacon: Let us pray those in public office, especially President Duterte, that our God and Lord may direct their minds and hearts according to His will for the true peace and freedom of all.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, in Whose hand lies every human heart and the rights of peoples: Look with favor, we pray, on those who govern with authority over us, that throughout the whole world the prosperity of peoples, the assurance of peace, and freedom of religion may through your gift be made secure; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Deacon: Let us pray, dearly beloved, to God the Father almighty, that He may cleanse the world of all errors, banish disease, drive out hunger, unlock prisons, loosen fetters, uplift the downtrodden, grant safety to travelers, return to pilgrims, health to the sick, and salvation to the dying.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: Almighty ever-living God, comfort of mourners, strength of all who toil, may the prayers of those who cry out in any tribulation come before You,
that all may rejoice, because in their hour of need Your mercy was at hand; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.***

Deacon: Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and with those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

A time of silent prayer by all

**Presider: O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon Your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of Your providence, carry out the work of man's salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought unto the perfection of Him through Whom all things were made, Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ; Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.** ***Amen*.**

The Cross is brought out and set before the Altar. The Bishop and Cantors address the Good Friday Hymn to it.

Good Friday Hymn

***All: Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,***

***Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.
Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!***

Cantors: Sing, my tongue, in exultation

Of our banner and device!
Make a solemn proclamation
Of a triumph and its price:
How the Savior of creation
Conquered by his sacrifice!

*All: Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,*

*Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.*

Cantors: For, when Adam first offended,

Eating that forbidden fruit,
Not all hopes of glory ended
With the serpent at the root:
Broken nature would be mended
By a second tree and shoot.

All: Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!

Cantors: Thus the tempter was outwitted

By a wisdom deeper still:
Remedy and ailment fitted,
Means to cure and means to kill;
That the world might be acquitted,
Christ would do his Father’s will.

*All: Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,*

*Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.*

Cantors: So the Father, out of pity

For our self-inflicted doom,
Sent him from the heavenly city
When the holy time had come:
He, the Son and the Almighty,
Took our flesh in Mary’s womb.

*All: Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,*

*Sweet the burden that they bear!*

Cantors: Hear a tiny baby crying,

Founder of the seas and strands;
See his virgin Mother tying
Cloth around his feet and hands;
Find him in a manger lying
Tightly wrapped in swaddling-bands!

*All: Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,*

*Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.*

Cantors: So he came, the long-expected,

Not in glory, not to reign;
Only born to be rejected,
Choosing hunger, toil and pain,
Till the scaffold was erected
And the Paschal Lamb was slain.

*All: Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,*

*Sweet the burden that they bear!*

Cantors: No disgrace was too abhorrent:

Nailed and mocked and parched he died;
Blood and water, double warrant,
Issue from his wounded side,
Washing in a mighty torrent
Earth and stars and oceantide.

*All: Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,*

*Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.*

Cantors: Lofty timber, smooth your roughness,

Flex your boughs for blossoming;
Let your fibers lose their toughness,
Gently let your tendrils cling;
Lay aside your native gruffness,
Clasp the body of your King!

*All: Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,*

*Sweet the burden that they bear!*

Cantors: Noblest tree of all created,

Richly jeweled and embossed:
Post by Lamb’s blood consecrated;
Spar that saves the tempest-tossed;
Scaffold-beam which, elevated,
Carries what the world has cost!

*All: Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,*

*Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.*

*All: Wisdom, power, and adoration*

*To the blessed Trinity
For redemption and salvation
Through the Paschal Mystery,
Now, in every generation,
And for all eternity. Amen.*

Confession of Sin

**Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

**All kneel**

***All: Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.***

Absolution

Still kneeling

**Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins** ✠ **through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.**

*People:* ***Amen.***

Mass of the Presanctified

Lord’s Prayer

**Presider: As our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to pray:**

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. ✠

Invitation to Communion

**Presider:** **Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*People: Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

**Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God: take them in remembrance that Jesus died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts with thanksgiving.**

Prayer for Receiving Spiritual Communion

***All: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.***

***Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You are already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.* *Amen.***

Communion Hymn

Prayer after Communion

***All: Almighty ever-living God, who has restored us to life by the blessed Death and Resurrection of your Christ, preserve in us the work of your mercy, that, partaking of this mystery, we may have a life unceasingly devoted to you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Service is ended in silence.