

Father, forgive them;  
for they know not what they do

Verily I say unto thee,  
Today shalt thou be with me in paradise

He saith unto his mother,

Behold thy son!

Then saith he to the disciple,

Behold thy mother.

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that is to say,

**My God, my God,**

why hast thou

forsaken me?

I thirst It is finished!

Father, into thy hands  
commend my spirit

**The Day the Sun Refused to Shine  
Good Friday – April 10, 2020  
Our Savior Lutheran Church**

*Prelude – “Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed” Sharon Singers*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pao2KgVe1KA>

**Call to Worship**

L: Lord, we cry out to You as we find ourselves surrounded by the darkness of sin.

**C: We would examine our lives from within, that we might see ourselves, as You see us.**

L: Lord, we are mindful of those who crucified Jesus, as they allowed sin to direct their lives.

**C: We would see ourselves in the lives of others, and realize that we were there when they nailed him to the cross.**

*Invocation – let us share together:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yz-wU\\_6YLP8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yz-wU_6YLP8&feature=youtu.be)

**Father, as we remember that you sent your Son into the world to become the Savior of people, we praise You and wait before You in the shadows of the cross. We see ourselves as sinful persons, with our hearts filled with hatred, jealousy, envy and greed, which was also evident in the lives of those who were there when he was crucified. Challenge us that our sinful acts will die within us, and that we might rise up as faithful witness to the fact that your spirit lives and reigns within us, through this same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Reflection – Pastor Barnes**

**“Seven Last Words”**

**1 – The Word of Forgiveness – Luke 23:33-38**

<sup>33</sup>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. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>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!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

***Thoughts/Prayer – Tim***

**2 – The Word of Concern – Luke 23:39-43**

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

***Thoughts/Prayer – Pastor***

### **3 – The Word of Love – John 19:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

***Thoughts/Prayer - Tim***

### **4 – The Word of Loneliness – Matthew 27:45-46**

<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

***Thoughts/Prayer – Pastor***

### **5 – The Word of Suffering – John 19:28-29**

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>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.

***Thoughts/Prayer – Tim***

### **6 – The Word of Victory – John 19:30**

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

***Thoughts/Prayer – Pastor***

### **7 – The Word of Reunion – Luke 23:44-46**

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

***Thoughts/Prayer – Tim***

*A Time of Silent Prayer*

**"Were You There"- sung by Pastor and YOU**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5hCVXqKIBY&feature=youtu.be>

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

**A prayer together:**

Dear Lord,  
Forgive me and cleanse my life from within,  
Remake me anew as a child of God,  
Through the power of Jesus Christ,  
My Lord and my Savior. Amen.

