



“THE SEVEN LAST WORDS”

Good Friday

First Presbyterian Church
April 7, 2023

Morrison, Illinois
7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY LITANY

Pastor: Almighty God, in this time of meditation and prayer, may our thoughts be centered on Him who endured the cross that we might have life abundant and life that is eternal. Accept our thoughts and feelings we pray and in Your forgiving love have mercy upon us. For our forgetfulness, for our lack of trust and for our foolish faith in the things that are temporal, and for our contempt of those matters of the spirit which abide;

People: HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD!

Pastor: For our selfish comfort in the midst of human wrongs, for our indifference to human suffering and sorrow, and for our willful ignorance of human need; for the love of ease and pleasure which has blinded our eyes;

People: HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD!

Pastor: For all our envy and hatred; for all covetousness; for all our obnoxious attempts in word and deed to deny our fellowship in Christ;

People: HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD!

Pastor: Almighty God, the witness of Your Church is not always faithful, and our vision not always clear;

**People: HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD!
STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH!**

The Crucifixion John 19:1-24

Hymn *Were You There?* No. 102

THE FIRST WORD: FORGIVENESS

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”
Luke 23:32-38

THE SECOND WORD: SALVATION

“Verily, I say unto you, this day you will be with me in Paradise.”
Luke 23:39-43

Hymn *The Old Rugged Cross*

THE THIRD WORD: LOVE

“Woman, behold thy Son!...Behold thy mother!”
John 19:23-27

THE FOURTH WORD: LONELINESS

“My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”
Mark 15:33-34

Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* No. 101

THE FIFTH WORD: PHYSICAL SUFFERING

“I thirst...”
John 19:28

THE SIXTH WORD: TRIUMPH

“It is finished...”
John 19:29-30

Hymn *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* No. 92

THE SEVENTH WORD: REUNION

“Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.”
Luke 23:44-49

Pastor: With the conclusion of Jesus’ final word from the Cross, he breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that he had breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man is the son of God!”
(Mark 15:38-39)