



"Crucifixion" by Craigie Atchison

Choral Meditation on The Seven Last Words April 10, 2022 at 4 p.m.

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Welcome to St. James Cathedral!

The Seven Last Words from the Cross are drawn from the four canonical gospels. In Matthew and Mark, Jesus cries out to the Father in despair. In Luke, Jesus forgives those who have crucified him, comforts the penitent thief, and gives up his spirit. And in John, Jesus speaks to his mother and Peter, thirsts, and declares the his life is finished. Together, these sayings weave a tapestry of Christ as a man undergoing extreme suffering and a savior who is infinitely forgiving.

Just as the Seven Last Words are woven together from the four gospels, we have woven together a tapestry of poetry and music from various sources to provide a space for contemplation, mysticism, and beauty. Art has a sublime power to connect us to the divine. If you wish, please take this leaflet home with you and continue to reflect upon these words and this music throughout Holy Week. We hope it will help you to encounter Christ in his final hours anew. We also hope that you will join us throughout the week to finish the story!

Stephen Buzard, Director of Music

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We are glad to welcome you to St. James Cathedral. We are following the current Center for Disease Control and City of Chicago guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic, and so:

- For cathedral services, the wearing of protective masks is now optional.
- For your information, all cathedral staff and the Cathedral Choir are fully vaccinated and continue to test weekly.
- For the time being, communion will continue to be served in one kind (bread only) at standing stations.

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PRELUDE

E Psalm-Prelude Set II no. 1 Herbert Howells (1892–1983) "Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice" –Psalm 130:1

Please stand. HYMN Hymnal 474 0 \overline{c} ρ When the won - drous cross where the young 1 I sur vev bid 2 For it, Lord, that should the -Ι boast, save \mathbf{in} 3 See, from his head, his his hands, feet and sor row 4 Were the whole realm of na ture mine, that were an Prince died, of Glo rich I ry my est gain of God: cross Christ, my all the vain things that love flow min gled down! Did e'er such love and of fering far small; love too so а maz ing, count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride. charm most, Ι sac ri fice them his blood. me to crown? thorns com rich sor row meet, or pose so а di vine, de mands my soul, my life, all. so my

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)Music: Rockingham, from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731–1807)

THE FIRST WORD "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"

In evil long I took delight, Unawed by shame or fear, Till a new object struck my sight, And stopped my wild career:

I saw One hanging on a Tree In agonies and blood, Who fixed His languid eyes on me. As near His Cross I stood.

Sure never till my latest breath, Can I forget that look: It seemed to charge me with His death, Though not a word He spoke:

My conscience felt and own'd the guilt, And plunged me in despair: I saw my sins His Blood had spilt, And helped to nail Him there.

Alas! I knew not what I did! But now my tears are vain: Where shall my trembling soul be hid? For I the Lord have slain!

A second look He gave, which said, "I freely all forgive; This blood is for thy ransom paid; I die that thou may'st live."

Thus, while His death my sin displays In all its blackest hue, Such is the mystery of grace, It seals my pardon too.

With pleasing grief, and mournful joy, My spirit now is filled, That I should such a life destroy, Yet live by Him I killed!

> For I the Lord have slain John Newton (1725–1807)

Miserere mei Deus, quoniam in te confidit anima mea: et in umbra alarum tuarum donec transeat iniquitas. Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be over-past.

-Psalm 57, v. 1

THE SECOND WORD "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise"

Now I saw in my dream, that the highway up which Christian was to go, was fenced on either side with a wall, and that wall was called Salvation. Up this way, therefore, did burdened Christian run, but not without great difficulty, because of the load on his back.

He ran thus till he came at a place somewhat ascending, and upon that place stood a cross, and a little below, in the bottom, a sepulchre. So I saw in my dream, that just as Christian came up with the cross, his burden loosed from off his shoulders, and fell from off his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do, till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more.

Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said, with a merry heart, "He hath given me rest by His sorrow, and life by His death." Then he stood still awhile to look and wonder; for it was very surprising to him, that the sight of the cross should thus ease him of his burden. He looked, therefore, and looked again, even till the springs that were in his head sent the waters down his checks. Now, as he stood looking and weeping, behold three Shining Ones came to him and saluted him with "Peace be to thee." So the first said to him, "Thy sins be forgiven thee:" the second stripped him of his rags, and clothed him "with change of raiment;" the third also set a mark in his forehead, and gave him a roll with a seal upon it, which he bade him look on as he ran, and that he should give it in at the Celestial Gate. So they went their way.

From The Pilgrim's Progress John Bunyan (1628–1688)

ANTHEM

Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi: quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem, ut me crucifigeres et Barrabam dimitteres? Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)

My chosen vineyard, I planted you : how have you turned into bitterness, so as to crucify me and free Barabbas? THE THIRD WORD "Woman, behold your son... behold your mother"

The threefold terror of love; a fallen flare Through the hollow of an ear; Wings beating about the room; The terror of all terrors that I bore The Heavens in my womb. Had I not found content among the shows Every common woman knows, Chimney corner, garden walk, Or rocky cistern where we tread the clothes And gather all the talk? What is this flesh I purchased with my pains, This fallen star my milk sustains, This love that makes my heart's blood stop

Or strikes a sudden chill into my bones And bids my hair stand up?"

> The Mother of God William Butler Yeats (1865–1939)

ANTHEM

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify Thee, O Swan! Never shall lament cease because of that. It was like the parting of day from night. Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son, but sorer still to Him was the grief which for His sake came upon His Mother.

Carolyne DalMonte, soprano

THE FOURTH WORD "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Oh King of grief! (a title strange, yet true, To thee of all kings only due) Oh King of wounds! how shall I grieve for thee, Who in all grief preventest me? Shall I weep blood? why, thou hast wept such store That all thy body was one door. Shall I be scourged, floutted, boxed, sold? but to tell the tale is told. My God, my God, why dost thou part from me? Was such a grief as cannot be.

Shall I then sing, skipping thy doleful story,

And side with thy triumphant glory? Shall thy stokes be my stroking? thorns, my flower? Thy rod, my posy? cross, my bower? But how then shall I imitate thee, and Copy thy fair, though bloody hand? Surely I will revenge me on thy love, And try who shall victorious prove. If thou dost give me wealth, I will restore All back unto thee by the poor. If thou dost give me honour, men shall see, The honour doth belong to thee. I will not marry; or, if she be mine, She and her children shall be thine. My bosom friend, if he blaspheme thy Name, I will tear thence his love and fame. One half of me being gone, the rest I give Unto some Chappel, die or live. As for thy passion-But of that anon, When with the other I have done. For thy predestination I'll contrive, That three years hence, if I survive, I'll build a spittle, or mend common ways, And mend mine own without delays. Then I will use the works of thy creation, As if I used them but for fashion. The world and I will quarrel; and the year Shall not perceive, that I am here. My music shall find thee, and every string Shall have his attribute to sing; That all together may accord in thee, And prove one God, one harmony. If thou shalt give me wit, it shall appear, If thou hast giv'n it me, 'tis here. Nay, I will read thy book, and never move Till I have found therein thy love, Thy art of love, which I'll turn back on thee: O my dear Saviour, Victory! Then for thy passion – I will do for that Alas, my God, I know not what.

> The Thanksgiving George Herbert (1593–1633)

Salvator mundi, salva nos, qui per crucem et sanguinem redemisti nos. Auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur, Deus noster. Saviour of the world, save us, thou who by thy cross and blood hast redeemed us. Come to our rescue, we beseech thee, our God. -the Sarum Manual

THE FIFTH WORD "I thirst"

I have no wit, no words, no tears; My heart within me like a stone Is numb'd too much for hopes or fears; Look right, look left, I dwell alone; I lift mine eyes, but dimm'd with grief No everlasting hills I see; My life is in the falling leaf: O Jesus, quicken me.

My life is like a faded leaf, My harvest dwindled to a husk: Truly my life is void and brief And tedious in the barren dusk; My life is like a frozen thing, No bud nor greenness can I see: Yet rise it shall—the sap of Spring; O Jesus, rise in me.

My life is like a broken bowl, A broken bowl that cannot hold One drop of water for my soul Or cordial in the searching cold; Cast in the fire the perish'd thing; Melt and remould it, till it be A royal cup for Him, my King: O Jesus, drink of me.

> A Better Resurrection Christina Rosetti (1830–1894)

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam: attendite et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus. O all ye that pass by the way, attend and see if there be any sorrow like to my sorrow.

THE SIXTH WORD "It is finished"

The wounded surgeon plies the steel That questions the distempered part; Beneath the bleeding hands we feel The sharp compassion of the healer's art Resolving the enigma of the fever chart.

Our only health is the disease If we obey the dying nurse Whose constant care is not to please But to remind of our, and Adam's curse, And that, to be restored, our sickness must grow worse.

The whole earth is our hospital Endowed by the ruined millionaire, Wherein, if we do well, we shall Die of the absolute paternal care That will not leave us, but prevents us everywhere.

The chill ascends from feet to knees, The fever sings in mental wires. If to be warmed, then I must freeze And quake in frigid purgatorial fires Of which the flame is roses, and the smoke is briars. The dripping blood our only drink, The bloody flesh our only food: In spite of which we like to think That we are sound, substantial flesh and blood– Again, in spite of that, we call this Friday good.

> East Coker IV, from Four Quartets T.S. Eliot (1888–1965)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANTHEM

Es ist vollbracht! O Trost für die gekränkten Seelen! Die Trauernacht Läßt nun die letzte Stunde zählen. Der Held aus Juda siegt mit Macht Und schließt den Kampf. Es ist vollbracht! It is finished! Oh, consolation for all hurt souls; that night of mourning approaches its final hour. The Hero from Judah hath triumphed in strength, and ends the struggle. It is finished!

Kimberly Hann Warner, alto

THE SEVENTH WORD "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"

It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heav'n, and die to save a child like me. And vet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot, and wept and toiled and mourned and died for love of those who loved Him not. I cannot tell how He could love a child so weak and full of sin: His love must be most wonderful if He could die my love to win. I sometimes think about the cross. and shut my eyes, and try to see the cruel nails and crown of thorns, and Jesus crucified for me. But even could I see Him die, I could but see a little part of that great love which, like a fire, is always burning in His heart. It is most wonderful to know His love for me so free and sure: but 'tis more wonderful to see my love for Him so faint and poor. And yet I want to love Thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart, and I will love Thee more and more. until I see Thee as Thou art. William Walsham How (1823–1897)

Take him, earth, for cherishing, to thy tender breast receive him. Body of a man I bring thee, noble even in its ruin.

Once was this a spirit's dwelling, by the breath of God created. High the heart that here was beating, Christ the prince of all its living.

Guard him well, the dead I give thee, not unmindful of his creature shall he ask it: he who made it symbol of his mystery.

Comes the hour God hath appointed to fulfil the hope of men, then must thou, in very fashion, what I give, return again.

Not though ancient time decaying wear away these bones to sand, ashes that a man might measure in the hollow of his hand:

Not though wandering winds and idle, drifting through the empty sky, scatter dust was nerve and sinew, is it given to man to die.

Once again the shining road leads to ample Paradise; open are the woods again, that the serpent lost for men.

Take, O take him, mighty leader, take again thy servant's soul. Grave his name, and pour the fragrant balm upon the icy stone.

-Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (384-413) Trans. Helen Jane Waddell (1889-1965)

Please kneel. PRAYERS

Please stand.



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895), alt. Music: *Horsley*, William Horsley (1774–1858)

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Aus tiefer Not, schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686

Bach

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UPCOMING:

Holy Week

Tenebrae April 13 @ 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday April 14 @ 6:30 p.m. Good Friday April 15 @ 1:30 p.m. Easter Vigil April 16 @ 8 p.m. Easter Sunday April 17 @ 11 a.m.

DUPRÉ'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday April 15 @ 6:30 p.m.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has asked each Episcopal church to make an offering for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East to support a more vibrant and effective Christian presence in the Holy Land.

In lieu of a collection at this service, we encourage all to continue your spiritual practice of supporting the Good Friday Offering, which provides critical support to the dioceses of Jerusalem and the Middle East, by using your smartphone to text 'GFO' to 91999

(messaging and data rates apply) or visiting www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering.



Holy Week HOL PALM SUNDAY April 10 Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m. Choral Meditation on the Seven Last Words

at 4 p.m.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK April 11 Eucharist at 12:10 and 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK April 12 Chrism Eucharist at 12:10 p.m. Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK April 13 Eucharist at 12:10 and 5:30 p.m. Tenebrae at 6:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 14 Eucharist and Foot Washing at 6:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY April 15 **Liturgy of the Passion at 1:30 p.m.** Dupré's Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY April 16 Easter Vigil Eucharist at 8 p.m. Festive reception following

EASTER DAY April 17 **Eucharist at 8, 9, and 11 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.

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SUNDAYS	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Spoken)		Chapel
	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Family)		Cathedral
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Choral)		Cathedral
		Live-Stream Service (see enews, website, or YouTube)		· YouTube)
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong (Oct-Jun)		Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m. Morning Prayer			Zoom
			(5	see enews, or website)
	12:10 p.m.	,		Cathedral
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evenson	g (Wednesdays)	Cathedral
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