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Good Friday

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This evenings service is built around the 22nd Psalm and the 7 last words of Jesus spoken from the cross. The order is quite different than our Sunday morning, ending not with a blessing, but the removal of the Word, reminding us that on this day, we recall that moment hope had appeared to completely vanish.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP, 7:00 P.M.

Prelude: Dirge (performed at Nelson's funeral in St. Paul's Cathedral on 9 January 1806) T. Attwood

Welcome and Introduction

* Call to Worship (* Standing as able)

L: Today the carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross,

A: the King of kings is crowned with thorns

L: he wears the purple robe of mockery.

A: Today he sets us free, himself imprisoned on a tree.

L: Today is God's Friday.

A: We come in worship.

* Hymn And can it be #352

Preparing for the Word

The First Word:

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

Luke 23:32-33 Psalm 22:16-18 Luke 23:34

* Hymn O sacred head, sore wounded #239

The Second Word:

"Today you will be with me in paradise"

Luke 23:35-39 Psalm 22:6-8 Luke 23:39-43

* Hymn Jesus, Remember Me #206

The Third Word:

"Woman, here is your son. . . . Here is your mother"

John 19:25 Psalm 22:9-11 John 19:26-27

* Hymn There is a fountain opened wide #351

The Forth Word:

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:45 Psalm 22:1-2 Matthew 27:46

* Hymn Were you there (1-5) #233

The Fifth Word:

"I am thirsty"

John 19:28 Psalm 22:14-15 John 19:29

Choir Anthem: Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross

Words: F. Crosby Music: W. Doane

The Sixth Word:

"It is finished"

John 19:30 Psalm 22:29

* Hymn Go to dark Gethsemane #230

The Seventh Word:

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit"

Luke 23:44-46

Prayers of us People

* Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #231

Departing Words

"Christmas and Easter can be subjects for poetry, but Good Friday, like Auschwitz, cannot. The reality is so horrible it is not surprising that people should have found it a stumbling block to faith."

~ W.H. Auden