

# SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

## A Worship Experience of Remembrance & Reflection

7:00pm | Good Friday | April 18, 2025

Please enter with a spirit of humility, worship fully, and leave silently.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE

Joseph Edgar

Rev. David Miller

HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,  
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life to lay aside the crown for my soul,  
for my soul, to lay aside the crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing,  
I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing.

INTRODUCTION & BEGINNING

Rev. David Miller & Rev. Rachel DeLaune

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious redeemer, my Savior art thou. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

ADAH speaks

### The First Word: FORGIVE THEM

**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.** (Luke 23:34)  
Ecce Lignum Crucis in quo salus mundi pependit. (Good Friday Antiphon)  
**Behold the Wood of the Cross on which the Savior of the world was hung.**

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

I love thee for seeing the outcast and lost, for selflessly knowing what Calvary cost.  
None other could ransom me, none other could know how. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

JOHN speaks

### The Second Word: BEHOLD THY SON!

**Woman, behold thy son!... Behold thy mother!** (John 19:26-27)

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

I love thee for healing the blind and the lame – for those who will trust and will call on thy name.  
I love thee for doing all that love will allow. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

THE THIEVES speak

### The Third Word: WITH ME IN PARADISE

**Verily, I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with me in paradise.** (Luke 23:43)

Drop, drop, slow tears and bathe those beauteous feet; which brought from Heaven  
the news and Prince of Peace: Cease not, wet eyes, his mercy to entreat; to cry for  
vengeance, sin doth never cease. In your deep floods dry all my faults and fears; nor let  
His eye see sin, but through my tears.

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

I misunderstood what thy kingdom should be, but thy grace and mercy have helped me to see.  
You taught me forgiveness by showing me how. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

MARY speaks

### The Fourth Word: WHY?

**Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** (Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34)  
Ah Mother, fount of love, let me feel the force of your grief! (From the Stabat Mater)

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

I love thee, because thou hast taken my place and hung on a cross just to bear my disgrace.  
My heart will forever at thy feet humbly bow. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

AUGUST speaks

### The Fifth Word: I THIRST

**I thirst.** (John 19:28)  
Ego te potavi aqua salutis de petra: et tu me potasti felle et aceto. (From Good Friday Reproaches)  
**I gave you to drink of life-giving water from the rock: and you gave me to drink of gall and vinegar.**

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow. If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

TALITHA speaks

### The Sixth Word: IT IS FINISHED

**It is finished.** (John 19:30)

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee

I love thee in life, I will love thee in death. And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath.  
I'll sing, as the death dew lies cold on thy brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

### The Seventh Word: Into Thy Hands

**Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.** (Luke 23:46)  
Venite adoremus (Good Friday Antiphon)  
**Come, let us adore him.**

The Silent Departure: When the cross passes and exits the sanctuary, you may follow in silence  
or remain behind for a few moments of contemplation and prayer.