



Good Friday  
April 10, 2020

GREETING

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CALL TO WORSHIP

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.  
And this is the judgment,  
that the light has come into the world,  
but we loved the darkness rather than the light.

THE FIRST WORD

Ron Berry, baritone; Myles Pinder, tenor

Luke 22:34

*"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.  
And the people clamor'd: Take him he is guilty,  
he of death is guilty; take him, take him, let us crucify him!  
Let his blood be on us, be on us and on our children!  
Then they did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves,  
one at his right hand, the other at his left hand.*

PRAYER ON THE FIRST WORD FROM THE CROSS

**Gentle Father,  
we do not know the consequences of our sins,  
we cannot comprehend the damage we have done.  
We are confused and tossed about.  
All we know is our need of you.  
Come to us in this hour,  
and bring the forgiveness that will make us whole,  
through Jesus our Lord whose crucified love  
frees us from sin.  
Amen.**

THE SECOND WORD

Myles Pinder, tenor; Ron Berry, baritone

Luke 23:43

“Today, you will be with me in paradise.”

*Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with me.  
Amen, so I tell thee.  
Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou  
comest into Thy kingdom.  
Hear Us, Holy Jesus*

PRAYER ON THE SECOND WORD FROM THE CROSS

**Hear us, holy Jesus,  
for we need the assurance of your never ending love.  
Still our fears and capture our doubts  
until all we can see and hear  
is the joy of your hope  
that outlasts our pain. Amen.**

THE THIRD WORD

Ron Berry, baritone; Gina Ceragioli, soprano; Myles Pinder, tenor  
John 19:26-27

“Dear Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”

*See, O woman, here behold thy Son beloved.  
See yon mother, bow'd in anguish,  
Who beside the cross doth languish,  
Where on high her son is borne;  
Is there mortal, who not feeleth  
To behold her where she kneeleth,  
So woeful, and all forlorn?*

PRAYER ON THE THIRD WORD FROM THE CROSS

**O Fount of Love,  
give us courage  
to kneel with Mary  
at the foot of the cross.  
Stir in us the same desire  
to risk our hearts being wounded  
by sharing the anguish and affliction  
of the Marys of today  
who grieve their children's pain. Amen.**

THE FOURTH WORD

Ron Berry, baritone

Matthew 27:46

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”

*God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?  
All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me,  
and they that hate me do now prevail against me;  
and he whom I have cherished, he hath betrayed me.  
Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted:  
wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness,  
that I by thee am crucified?*

PRAYER ON THE FOURTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
My doubts are too deep,  
my questions too wide  
for me to feel you now.  
Yet, I still cry to you.  
In the Crucified One  
my doubts become acts of faith  
and my questions draw me near to you.  
In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.**

THE FIFTH WORD

Ron Berry, baritone; Myles Pinder, tenor

John 19:28  
"I am thirsty."

*I am thirsty!  
And all the people that passed him, did rail upon him,  
and wagging their heads at him, they said unto him:  
Ah! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple; if thou be Jesus,  
Son of the Father, now from the cross descend thou,  
that we behold it, and believe on thee when we behold it.  
If thou art king over Israel, save thyself, then!*

PRAYER ON THE FIFTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

**Faithful Savior,  
You were thirsty so we could be comforted,  
you were bound so we could be free,  
you were stripped so we could be clothed in your love.  
How can we fathom the mystery of your grace?  
Quench now our thirst to know you  
and lead us where the healing waters flow. Amen.**

THE SIXTH WORD

Myles Pinder, tenor

John 19:30  
"It is finished."

*Father, into thy hands I now commend my soul.  
For thou art my God and my Father.  
My Father art thou, and my Savior.*

PRAYER ON THE SIXTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

**God of unconquered love,  
thank you for Jesus  
who suffered and died for us  
so that we can die in him and say  
to our unresolved conflicts,  
our unfulfilled desires,  
and our unbearable sins:  
"All is finished now" in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Luke 23:46

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

*And with a loud voice Jesus cried, exclaiming: It is finished!*

*And he did bow his head and rendered up his spirit.*

*Christ, we do all adore Thee, and praise Thee; for on  
the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.*

BENEDICTION

PRAYER ON THE SEVENTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

**Faithful Sovereign, Merciful Savior, Eternal Spirit:  
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice  
in union with Christ’s offering for us  
in this mystery of divine love.**

**Take us as we are and keep us in your grace.**

**We surrender everything to your will and way  
that our lives may reflect your glory  
through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Upcoming Worship Services  
via Livestream:**

April 12: Easter Sunday, 11 a.m.