

Seventh Word: "Into Your Hands"

Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

Reflection

Extinguishing The Candle

L Lord Jesus - you gave your life for us.

P You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Jesus, all thy labor vast, When the death shades round us lower,
all thy woe and conflict past, guard us from the tempter's power,
yielding up thy soul at last: keep us in that trial hour:
hear us, holy Jesus. hear us, holy Jesus.

May thy life and death supply
grace to live and grace to die,
grace to reach the home on high:
hear us, holy Jesus.

Hymn

The Solemn Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayers

Send down your abundant blessing, Lord,
upon your people
who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son
in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.
Grant them pardon; bring them comfort.
May their faith grow stronger
and their eternal salvation be assured.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Congregation exits in silence.

Good Friday Liturgy: Seven Last Words

When the congregation has assembled and the ministers, having entered in silence, are in their places, all shall stand.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way,

And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death.

Even death on a cross.

Almighty God, ***our heavenly father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.***

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Hymn

The Seven Last Words

First Word: "Forgive"

Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place called "The Skull", they nailed Jesus to the cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said "Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing."

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Jesus, in thy dying woes, Savior, for our pardon sue,
even while thy lifeblood flows, when our sins thy pangs renew,
craving pardon for thy foes; for we know not what we do:
hear us, holy Jesus. hear us, holy Jesus.

O may we, who mercy need,
be like thee in heart and deed,
when with wrong our spirits bleed:
hear us, holy Jesus.

Sixth Word: "Finished"

John 19:29-30

A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on stlk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished";

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Jesus, all our ransom paid, all thy Father's will obeyed, all thy sufferings perfect made: hear us, holy Jesus.	Save us in our soul's distress, be our help to cheer and bless, while we grow in holiness: hear us, holy Jesus.
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Brighten all our heavenward way
with an ever holier ray,
till we pass to perfect day:
hear us, holy Jesus.

Third Word: “Behold”

John 19:25-27

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

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Jesus, loving to the end her whose heart thy sorrows rend, and thy dearest human friend: hear us, holy Jesus.	May we in thy sorrows share, and for thee all peril dare, and enjoy thy tender care: hear us, holy Jesus.
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May we all thy loved ones be,
all one holy family,
loving for the love of thee,
hear us, holy Jesus.

Fourth Word: “Forsaken”

Mark 15:33-34

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Elo-i, elo-i, lama sabach-thani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

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Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, with our evil left alone, while no light from heav'n is shown: hear us, holy Jesus.	When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems far away In the darkness be our stay Hear us, holy Jesus.
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Though no Father seem to hear,
though no light our spirits cheer,
tell our faith that God is near:
hear us, holy Jesus.

Fifth Word: "I Thirst"

John 19:28

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), "I thirst."

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P You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Jesus, in thy thirst and pain, while thy wounds thy lifeblood drain, thirsting more our love to gain: hear us, holy Jesus.	Thirst for us in mercy still; all thy holy work fulfill; satisfy thy loving will: hear us, holy Jesus.
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May we thirst thy love to know;
lead us in our sin and woe
where the healing waters flow:
hear us, holy Jesus.

Second Word: "Paradise"

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying: "Don't you fear God? Here we are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you this: To-day you will be in Paradise with me."

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P You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

Jesus, pitying the sighs of the thief, who near thee dies, promising him paradise; hear us, holy Jesus.	May we, in our guilt and shame, still thy love and mercy claim, calling humbly on thy Name: hear us, holy Jesus.
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O remember us who pine,
looking from our cross to thine;
cheer our souls with hope divine:
hear us, holy Jesus.