

**Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross**  
**at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 2, 2021**

Introduction by Fr. John with a relatively brief reading from a Gospel describing how Jesus was nailed to the Cross.

**1. The First Word (by Deacon Dennis)**

“Father, forgive them; they know not what they do.” [Luke 23:34]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [23:33-34]

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. (Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”) They divided his garments by casting lots.

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Reflection (2-3 minutes)]

[Five minutes of silence.]

[Prayer]

[Song: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?]

**2. The Second Word (by Carlos)**

“Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” [Luke 23:43]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [23:39-43]

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.” The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Reflection (2-3 minutes)]

[Five minutes of silence.]

[Prayer]

[Song: Were you there when he promised Paradise?]

### **3. The Third Word (by Ligia)**

“Woman, behold, your son.” . . . “Behold, your mother.” [John 19:26-27]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [19:25-27]

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Reflection (2-3 minutes)]

[Five minutes of silence.]

[Prayer]

[Song: Stabat Mater]

### **4. The Fourth Word. (By Christina)**

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” [Mark 15:34]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark [15:33-34]

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Reflection (2-3 minutes)]

[Five minutes of silence.]

[Prayer]

[Song: Were you there when the sun refused to shine?]

## **5. The Fifth Word (by Deacon Dennis)**

“I thirst.” [John 19:28]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [19:28-29]

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I thirst.” There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Reflection (2-3 minutes)]

[Five minutes of silence.]

[Prayer]

[Song: As the Deer Longs for Running Streams...so I Long for You]

## **6. The Sixth Word (by Teresa)**

“It is finished.” [John 19:30]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John [19:30]

When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.” And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Reflection (2-3 minutes)]

[Five minutes of silence.]

[Prayer]

[Song: Were you there when he bowed his head and died?]

## **7. The Seventh Word (by Fr. John)**

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” [Luke 23:46]

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke [23:44-46]

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

The Gospel of the Lord.

[Reflection (2-3 minutes)]

[Five minutes of silence.]

[Prayer]

[Song: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?]