

# THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

*Midweek Lenten Service V  
March 13, 2024*

*Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church – Huron, SD*

**"I AM THIRSTY"**

**Pre-Service Hymn Sing**

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn # 435 – Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,  
Sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain  
Flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full, perpetual tide,  
Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,  
Come defiled, without, within;  
From infection and uncleanness,  
From the leprosy of sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white;  
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,  
Wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission,  
Here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore;  
They that drink shall thirst no more.

4 They that drink shall live forever;  
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never  
Break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died,  
Sealed when He was glorified.

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## **Invocation and Kyrie**

P: In the name of the Father and of ✠ the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Behold, the Lamb of God!

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: O God, Father in heaven,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: O Son of God, Redeemer of the world,

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## **Reading of the Passion Narrative**

When they had bound Jesus, they led him from Caiaphas to the hall of judgment and gave him over to Pontius Pilate, the governor. It was early. They themselves did not go into the judgment hall, so that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.

Pilate then went out to them, and said, “What charge do you bring against this man?” They answered and said to him, “If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.” Then Pilate said to them, “Take him, then, and judge him according to your law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put any man to death.” So the word of Jesus was fulfilled, signifying by what death he should die.

The charges they brought against him were: “We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered him, “Do you say this for yourself, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Do you take me for a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have given you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would have fought that I should not be given over to the Jews; but now my kingdom is not in the ways of this place.” Pilate therefore said to him, “Are you a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. I was born and I came into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is of the truth hears my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no fault in this man.”

## **Children’s Sermon**

**Hymn# 447 (“Fifth Word”) – Jesus, In Your Dying Woes - John 19:28**

13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,  
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

14 Thirst for us in mercy still;  
All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

15 May we thirst Your love to know.  
Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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**The Message “I Am Thirsty” – Based on John 19:28-29**

**The Offering and Exchange of Peace**

**The Prayers**

**P:** Lord Jesus, in Your Word from the Cross, “I am thirsty,” we are reminded how fully human You had become for the very purpose of giving Yourself in our place as a sacrifice for our sins.

**C:** Your Word tells us it was necessary that You be made like us, Your brethren, in every respect, so that You would be able to make atonement for the sins of Your people.

P: In Your Word from the Cross, Lord Jesus, we are also reminded of our own spiritual thirst that comes because of the dryness of our fallen nature and the sin coming from our lives that so often leaves us far from refreshed.

**C: With the Psalmist we confess: “My soul thirsts for You, O God, my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”**

P: O Lord Jesus, how we love to hear Your Word of invitation:

**C: “If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink.”**

P: We come, dear Savior, with repentant hearts, longing for the refreshment of Your forgiveness, the strengthening of our faith that only You can provide, and for the hope of the eternal satisfaction of our souls. And we rejoice in Your splendid promise that brings forgiveness and life forever:

**C: “Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”**

P: For Your eternally refreshing mercy, O Lord, we give You thanks and praise.

**C: Amen**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Benediction**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the ☩ Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen**

## **Closing Hymn # 877 – God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven**

- 1 God, who made the earth and heaven,  
Darkness and light:  
You the day for work have given,  
For rest the night.  
May Your angel guards defend us,  
Slumber sweet Your mercy send us,  
Holy dreams and hopes attend us  
All through the night.
  
- 2 And when morn again shall call us  
To run life's way,  
May we still, whate'er befall us,  
Your will obey.  
From the pow'r of evil hide us,  
In the narrow pathway guide us,  
Never be Your smile denied us  
All through the day.

3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,  
And when we die,  
May we in Your mighty keeping  
All peaceful lie.  
When the last dread call shall wake us,  
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,  
But to reign in glory take us  
With You on high.

*(stand)*

4 Holy Father, throned in heaven,  
All-holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, freely given,  
Blest Three in One:  
Grant us grace, we now implore You,  
Till we lay our crowns before You  
And in worthier strains adore You  
While ages run.

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