



Seven Last Words

by Michael John Trotta

Presented by the Choirs of Asbury UMC and Otterbein UMC

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

7:00 pm

Otterbein United Methodist Church

176 W. Market Street; Harrisonburg, VA 22801

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Meditation from "Thais"* Massenet, arr. Hartman
Tom McKenzie, trombone

*Greeting

L: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

P: We gather to remember Love's ultimate sacrifice.

L: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ, and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

P: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

*Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* No. 286, UMH

*Prayer (*in unison*)

Lord, we recount today the pain and suffering that your son Jesus endured on the cross for all of humanity. Grant us awareness as we enter the story of Christ's Passion that by his stripes we are healed. Thank you that sin and death have been conquered and that your faithfulness endures for all generations. May we say with great hope, "It is finished," for we know what is still to come. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Anthem *There is a Green Hill Far Away* Joseph Martin

Scripture Isaiah 53:1-6

Anthem *Lamb of God* John Reim

Scripture **The Passion Narrative**
Selected Verses from John 18-19 Justin Poole

Musical Meditation *Ah, Holy Jesus* Cruger, arr. Stamegna
Sean Macomber, euphonium

Anthem *Near the Cross* Heather Sorenson

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I. Father, Forgive Them

II. Today, You Will Be with Me

III. Behold Your Son—Bry Toll, Soprano Soloist

IV. I Thirst—Darrien Roby, Baritone Soloist

V. My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me?

VI. Into Your Hands I Surrender My Soul

VII. It Is Finished—Darrien Roby & Judd Blake, Soloists

Musical Mediation

Were You There
Anthony VanPelt, violin

arr. VanPelt

Hymn

Were You There
(stanzas 1-3, 5)

No. 288, UMH

The Strepitus

Signifying the shutting of His tomb.

Please depart in silence.

Good Friday is the middle portion of a larger worship experience that began on Maundy Thursday and concludes on Easter Sunday. The abrupt conclusion of this service signifies the incomplete nature of the liturgy, that will only resolve on Sunday as we celebrate the resurrection.

Participants

Soprano

Linda Conrad
Robin Church
Louanna Colon
Bev Earman
Caitlyn Higgins
Alexandria Hunter
Jo Ann Liskey
Kat Lyon
Ellen McDorman
Shaena Rogers
Maria Sarri
Bry Toll
Meghan Willey
Louise White

Tenor

Judd Blake
Tom Devore
Nicolas Gomez-Colon
Mary Ely Griffith

Alto

Gina Baldoni
Maria Baldoni
Christy Blagg
Cindy Cartee
Amy Cajigas
Kestina Carneal
Julie Clough
Elizabeth Eby
Marilou Johnson
Judy Richardson
Pat Wingert
Marian Woodington

Bass

Dominic Baldoni
Adam Blagg
Kent Carneal
Sean Macomber
Donald Payton
Carter Ritchie
Darien Roby
DeJuan Woods

Orchestra

Katie Rudnik, Flute
Andrew Welling, Oboe
Nick Harvey, Trumpet
Jacob Fujioka, Trumpet
Andrew Parker, Horn
Blaze Benavides, Timpani
Anthony VanPelt, Violin I
Isaac Cotnoir, Violin I
Johnny Park, Violin II
Rachel Tan, Violin II
Aiveen Gallagher, Viola
Danny Postlethwait, Cello
Gabe Ravel, Bass

Ricky Goodwyn, Jr.,
Graduate Conductor

Marian Woodington,
Conductor

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