



## Good Friday

April 2, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

*Making Disciples Who Make a Difference  
in Seward and Beyond*



### A Tenebrae Service of Seven Last Words

*Tenebrae is a service of darkness. We will gradually dim the sanctuary lights and one by one extinguish the candles on the altar. The service also includes a series of seven poems by Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton. The poems are reflections on the Seven Last Words — the common name for the seven things the gospels report that Jesus spoke from the cross.*

*Different gospels report different final words. A Seven Last Words service offers reflections on them all.*



#### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship:

L: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

P: **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

L: And this is the judgment, that the light has come to the world,

P: **and we loved darkness rather than light.**

*(UMC Book of Worship #354)*

#### Hymn

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

**TFWS 2112**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus walked this lonesome valley;  
he had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;  
he had to walk it by himself.

## **Our Common Prayer**

Gracious God, on this day we gather to remember with love and tears the suffering and death of Jesus of Nazareth. We believe that this despised and rejected man of sorrows has borne our griefs and has been wounded because of our transgressions. We come to this worship in deep repentance for our individual sins and in recommitment of our lives to end suffering, pains, and violence is all times and all places. Amen.

*(Touch Holiness, p. 62)*

### **Special Music**

Behold The Savior of Mankind

**Chancel Choir**

**FIRST WORD: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34**

Poem I

*Time of Silent Reflection*

### **Hymn**

Stay With Me

**TFWS 2198**

Stay with me, remain here with me,  
watch and pray, watch and pray.

**SECOND WORD: "Today you will be with me in paradise" Luke 23:43**

Poem II

*Time of Silent Reflection*

### **Hymn**

Stay With Me

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**THIRD WORD: "Mother, this is your son." John 19:26**

Poem III

*Time of Silent Reflection*

### **Hymn**

Stay With Me

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**FOURTH WORD: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46**

Poem IV

*Time of Silent Reflection*

### **Hymn**

Stay With Me

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**FIFTH WORD: "I thirst." John 19:28**

Poem V

*Time of Silent Reflection*

### **Hymn**

Stay With Me

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**SIXTH WORD: "It is finished" John 19:30**

Poem VI

*Time of Silent Reflection*

**Hymn**

Stay With Me

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**SEVENTH WORD: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46**

Poem VII

*Time of Silent Reflection*

**Hymn**

Stay With Me

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**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Jesus**

**Hymn**

Were You There

**UMH 288**

Everyone:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Cantor:

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? ...

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? ...

**Reflection in Silent Darkness**

*Await minimal light to be turned on. Once light is on, please depart from the sanctuary in silence.*

***The People of God Go Forth to Serve***

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