



**“One Little Word...” – Finished**  
**Subduing the Foe of Lent & Holy Week**  
**through the Word’s Individual Words**

**Good Friday**  
April 10, 2020

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## Notes on This Evening's Service

*Tonight we will again hear the account of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ – told through song and through the hearing of Christ's own **"Seven Last Words"** spoken from the cross.*

*You may note that at the conclusion of tonight's service, there is no formal blessing or dismissal. This is done for two reasons: to respect the solemn nature of the events of Good Friday, and to tie tonight's events directly to our Easter celebrations this coming Sunday.*

*During these unprecedented days, Pastors Kooi & Prin invite you to join this service in a dimly lit room of your choosing. After the extinguishing of the Christ candle, they invite you to join for a time of prayerful silence before continuing with your Friday evening.*

*May the Lord richly bless you this night, as – by God's unmerited grace – we anticipate how this story triumphantly ends on Sunday!*

## Prelude

*"Why" by Michael Card*

## Announcements

## Invocation, Confession & Absolution

L: In the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

L: Brothers and sisters – hear now the words of forgiveness, spoken to you, flowing from the cross: "And you, who were dead in your trespass and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven all our trespasses by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to shame by triumphing over them in Him." (*Colossians 2:13-15*)

On the cross, God the Father took your sins and laid them upon His Son – Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus triumphed over sin, death, hell and the devil. Everything Jesus did on the cross, He did for you. Because of the cross, you are fully and freely forgiven. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am privileged to forgive you all your sins – in the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This"

LSB 543 v 1-3

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down, sinking down,

When I was sinking down

Beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb,

Who is the great I AM,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,

While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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## Prayer of the Evening

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray...Merciful and Everlasting God – you did not spare your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on His cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

C: Amen.

## "Toward Golgotha"

John 18:33-19:22

## Hymn "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

LSB 449

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
And grant to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.

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## The First Word from the Cross – "The Word of *FORGIVENESS*" Luke 23:33-34

### Our First Word Response

L: Let us pray...Lord Jesus Christ – in your sinlessness you never needed forgiveness and yet you forgave those who sinned against you without cause. Give us grace and courage to forgive those who wrong us, that we may so draw attention to your forgiving glory on the cross. Amen.

## *Extinguishing of the First Candle*

The Second Word from the Cross – “The Word of *CONCERN*”      Luke 23:39-43

### **Our Second Word Response**

L: Let us pray...Lord Jesus – remember us in your kingdom that – we, too – may be with you in Paradise because of your precious death and your glorious resurrection. Amen.

## *Extinguishing of the Second Candle*

The Third Word from the Cross – “The Word of *LOVE*”      John 19:26-27

### **Our Third Word Response**

L: Let us pray...Lord Jesus – even in your death you put those who are lonely and neglected into families. By our baptism, we have been brought into your family and named as God’s children. Draw many, many others into your family that we may forever praise you together with them. Amen.

## *Extinguishing of the Third Candle*

Sermon      “‘One Little Word Subdues Him’ – Finished”      *Rev. Andrew Prin*

The Fourth Word from the Cross – “The Word of *LONELINESS*”      Mark 15:34

### **Our Fourth Word Response**

L: Let us pray...Lord Jesus – you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. For our sake, you were forsaken by your Father so that we would not be forsaken. Give us grace to totally rely on your complete sacrifice, that we may always trust our Heavenly Father’s love for us. Amen.

## *Extinguishing of the Fourth Candle*

The Lord’s Prayer

## The Placing of the Drops of Wine on the Altar

*The pastor places five drops of wine on the altar, representing the five wounds of Christ – each of his hands, each of his feet, and the one in his side.*

### The Fifth Word from the Cross – “The Word of *SUFFERING*”

John 19:28-29

#### Our Fifth Word Response

L: Let us pray...Lord Jesus Christ – you are the Living Water and you have promised that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied. Yet, on our behalf, you thirsted and endured the agony of the cross. Give us faith to trust that your thirst on the cross supplies all that we need. Amen.

#### *Extinguishing of the Fifth Candle*

### The Sixth Word from the Cross – “The Word of *VICTORY*”

John 19:30

#### Our Sixth Word Response

L: Let us pray...Lord Jesus – you have loved us (and you *STILL* love us) with an everlasting love. On the cross, you could have found the pain too much to bear. You could have come down from the cross and let us take the punishment we rightly deserve. However, you remained there until it was all finished. Give us the confidence to follow you completely through our trials because you are the author and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

#### *Extinguishing of the Sixth Candle*

### The Last Word from the Cross – “The Word of *REUNION*”

Luke 23:46

#### *Extinguishing of the Final Candle*

*The final candle is extinguished through the forceful closing of the pulpit's Bible. This act is symbolic of the sealing of Christ's tomb.*

## Dismissal

*Again, Pastors Prin & Kooi now invite you to spend time in silent prayer considering ALL the Lord has done through the cross...for you.*

*As you turn on lights around you again, take a few moments to remember the triumph which awaits you – solely because of Him – this coming Sunday!*

*Soli Deo Gloria!*



