

Seven Words from the Cross
Lenten Midweek Worship
March 10, 2010

The Fourth Word: "A Word of Suffering"

"I Thirst."

John 19:28

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Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" #440

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Psalm 69: 1-3, 19-21, 29 (Of the Messiah's Suffering)

P: Save Me, O God,

C: for the waters have come up to My neck.

P: I sink in the miry depths,

C: where there is no foothold.

P: I have come into the deep waters;

C: the floods engulf Me.

P: I am worn out calling for help;

C: My throat is parched.

P: My eyes fail,

C: looking for My God.

P: You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed;

C: all My enemies are before You.

P: Scorn has broken My heart

C: and has left Me helpless;

P: I looked for sympathy, but there was none,

C: for comforters, but I found none.

P: They put gall in My food

C: and gave Me vinegar for My thirst.

P: I am in pain and distress;

C: may Your salvation, O God, protect Me.

Office Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" #437

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-2

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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:21b-31

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Holy Gospel: John 19:28-29

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Hymn of the Season: "Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke" TLH #177 (Vss. 1-5, 9)

Text: Johann Boeschenstein

Tune: German Melody

Our blessed Savior sev'n times spoke When on the cross our sins He took
And died lest man should perish.
Let us His last and dying words In our remembrance cherish.

"Father, forgive these men; for, lo, They truly know not what they do."
So far His loved extended.
Forgive us, Lord, for we, too, have Through ignorance offended.

Now to the contrite thief He cries: "Thou, verily, in Paradise
Shalt meet Me ere tomorrow."
Lord, take us to Thy kingdom soon Who linger here in sorrow.

To weeping Mary, standing by, "Behold thy son," now hear Him cry;
To John, "Behold thy mother."
Provide, O Lord, for those we leave; Let each befriend the other.

The Savior's fourth Word was "I thirst." O mighty Prince of Life, Thy thirst
For us and our salvation
Is truly great; do help us, then, That we escape damnation.

Whoe'er, by sense of sin opprest, Upon these Words his thoughts will rest,
He joy and hope obtaineth
And through God's love and boundless grace
A peaceful conscience gaineth. Amen.

Sermon: "A Word of Suffering"

Offering

(Designated for Haiti Relief through Lutheran World Mission)

Canticle: "My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord" #934

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Closing Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #425

Postlude

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Acolyte: Emily Duden

