

**GOOD FRIDAY "service of darkness"  
and the 7 last words  
Friday, April 2, 2010 Noon and 7:30**

Welcome to our "humble temple" today. This is a very solemn and quiet service ... so, please respect the quiet and dignity of this service and, of course, your neighbor.

**prelude: "Herzliebster Jesu" (Gordon Slater)**

**opening prayer**

Today.... in the quietness of this room ... I long to connect and re-connect . There is a quiet-yet-firm bond between all of us ---- from the soldier in Afghanistan ... to the lady all alone this weekend ... to the innocent child who longs to be loved. I know, Lord, your cross knows no boundaries and belongs to no religion. It's about love and sacrifice ... it's about your majestic-giving spirit, dipping down into the twists and turns of our human journeys ... it's about breaking down barriers, instead of building them. Today I hear the "last words" of your son ..... words speaking of forgiveness, and paradise, and family, and hope.  
Nudge me ... to walk each day ... with these words inside my heart.  
It's never too late ----- to grow, to learn, to be more than I am today.  
Thanks for this moment ... thanks for YOU ----- amen.

**offering ... "Were you there ..."**

**opening song ... "The Old Rugged Cross"**

(1) On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross ---- the emblem of suffering and shame. And I love the old cross, where the dearest and best ... for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*refrain: So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross ... 'til my trophies at last I lay down. I will cling to the old rugged cross ... and exchange it someday for a crown.*

(2) In the old rugged cross ... stained with blood so divine ... a wondrous beauty I see. For 'twas on the old cross, Jesus suffered and died ... to pardon and sanctify me. (refrain)

(3) To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true ... its shame and reproach gladly bear. Then he'll call me someday, to my home far away ... where his glory forever I'll share. (refrain)

\*\*First word ----- "Father, forgive them"  
"My faith looks up to Thee" 479 (green)

\*\*Second word ----- "Today, you will be with me in paradise"  
"Jesus, remember me ..." 740 (blue) ... sing 4x

\*\*Third word ----- "Mother, behold your son"  
"The gift of love" 25 (spirit)

\*\*Fourth word ----- "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"  
"Stay here ..." 667 (blue) ... sing 4x

\*\*Fifth word ----- 'I thirst"  
"For those tears I died" 77 (spirit)

\*\*Sixth word ----- "It is finished"  
"Abide with me" 272 (green)

\*Seventh word ----- "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"  
"Were you there" 92 (green) --- noon  
sung by our choir --- 7:30

PASCHAL CANDLE IS REMOVED, symbolizing Jesus' death ...  
THEN BROUGHT BACK IN, pointing to the resurrection.  
("Jesus, we know you" ---- noon)  
("Sur L'antienne" ----- Jean Langlais ... 7:30)

"alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia" .... benediction  
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Worship Sunday ... 7:00 8:30 11:00 Blessings to all!!!

## SERVICE OF THE 7 LAST WORDS

may our spirits be more alive

our steps a bit lighter

our souls somewhat gentler

because of what happened years ago ... on  
a hill far away ... on a cross

peace and love to all

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