



First United Methodist Church of Los Alamos  
Good Friday April 2, 2021  
Rev. John W. Nash, Senior Pastor

## Welcome

### Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Pastor: The cross that held the Savior of the world.

**People: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: My people, my people, why have you forsaken me? Answer me! I delivered you from captivity through the water of baptism; but you handed me over to my captors, giving me up to die; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: I fed you in the wilderness with the bread of life from heaven; but you are consumed with desire, biting and devouring one another; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: I claimed you as my family, as branches of my vine; but you cut off my chosen ones, spilling innocent blood; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: I spoke to you my word, the promise of my love for all; but you silence my prophets, refusing to hear my voice; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness; but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: I gave you the keys to my realm and welcomed you inside; but you turn away strangers, closing the doors that I open; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: I offered you my peace and clothed you with compassion; but you divide my garments, tearing apart what I design; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**



Pastor: I sent my Holy Spirit to empower you with grace; but you trust your own devices, squandering my good gifts; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

### **Words of Assurance and Pardon:**

Pastor: In Christ, we have a great high priest who knows our every weakness. He has been tested as we are, yet his faithfulness never failed. Therefore, we dare to approach the throne of grace with boldness, trusting God's mercy, for this is the good news of Good Friday: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Reading: UMH #752 - Psalm 22:1-18 Musical Response 1**

**Musical Response:** O Sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down.

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**People: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

Leader: O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

**People: by night, but find no rest.**

Leader: Yet you, the praise of Israel, are enthroned in holiness.

**People: In you our fathers put their trusted; they trusted and you deliverer them.**

Leader: To you they cried and were saved;

**People: in you they trusted and were not disappointed.**

### **Musical Response**

Leader: But I am a worm and not human

**People: scorned by others and despised by the people.**

Leader: All who see me mock at me;

**People: they make mouths at me, they wag their heads:**

Leader: "He committed his cause to the LORD; let the LORD deliver him. Let the Lord rescue him, for the Lord delights in him."

**People: Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**

Leader: Upon you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.

**People: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no Leader to help.**

## **Musical Response**

Leader: Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

**People: They open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.**

Leader: I am poured out like water,

**People: and all my bones are out of joint.**

Leader: My heart is like wax;

**People: it is melted within my breast.**

Leader: My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my cleaves to my jaws

**People: you lay me in the dust of death.**

Leader: Indeed, dogs surround me;

**People: a company of evildoers encircles me, they have pierced my hands and feet.**

Leader: I can count all my bones

**People: they stare and gloat over me.**

Leader: They divide my garments among them

**People: and cast lots for my clothing.**

## **Musical Response**

### **A Service of Tenebrae**

*Tenebrae, a Latin word that means "shadows," comes from the monastic tradition in which it was the last service on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Originally, the service was a series of lamentations from Psalms. Tonight, we will hear portions of the passion narrative from the Gospels. In keeping with the Tenebrae tradition, lights will be extinguished gradually until the Christ Candle alone remains. Then this candle will be removed, symbolizing the apparent victory of evil and death. A loud noise during this time of darkness, the strepitus, will suggest the earthquake at the moment Jesus died. Finally, the candle's return foreshadows the resurrection.*

## **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**

### **The First Word:**

Luke 23:13-28

(A silence will be kept)

Leader: Together let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your**

**messengers of forgiving hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love. Amen.**

**The Second Word:**

Luke 23:39-43

(A silence will be kept)

Leader: Together let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service and that we may not deny you in the hour of trial. Amen.**

**The Third Word:**

John 19:17-27

(A silence will be kept)

Leader: Together let us pray:

**All: Father, you sent your Son to show us your love. Make us sincerely thankful for this gift of grace and for your patience with our sins and sorrow. Amen.**

**The Fourth Word:**

Matthew 27:45-49

(A silence will be kept)

Leader: Together let us pray:

**All: O God our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise and restore us again through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Fifth Word:**

John 19:28-29

(A silence will be kept)

Leader: Together let us pray:

**All: Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in Christ strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Sixth Word:**

John 19:30

(A silence will be kept)

Leader: Together let us pray:

**All: O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power we may come at last to joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Seventh Word:**

Luke 23:44-49

(A silence will be kept)

Leader: Together let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and from whence you teach us to pray:**

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Commitment:** UMH # 288 *Were You There*

### **\*Dismissal**

Leader: May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you now and forever.

**People: Amen.** (Please depart in silence.)

### **Notes:**

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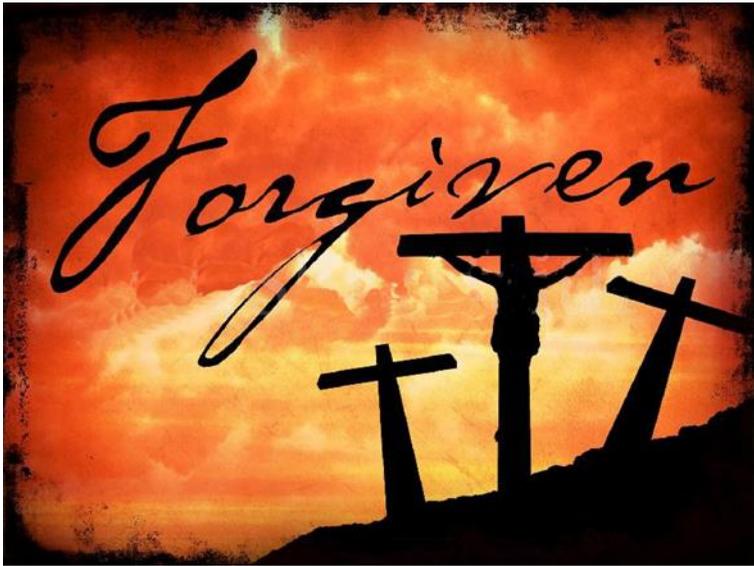
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**Easter Sunday:**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in prayer garden  
(Bring your own chair)

8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

10 am Traditional Worship

(Our 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. will be livestreamed online)