

# *Stations of the Cross*

## *"The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross"*

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*Presented by the Chancel and Handbell Choirs  
With Liturgists and Cantor*

*Prayer and Meditation at the Labyrinth*

*Good Friday*

*3:00 pm*

*March 29, 2024*

*Vista de la Montaña United Methodist Church  
Rev. Deborah Christine, Interim Pastor*

A bell will ring outside to signal that this service will begin shortly. Thank you for entering the Sanctuary in silent reverence.

## OPENING REFLECTION

For Christians, Good Friday is a day of mourning and reflection. It is a time to remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made for all of humanity. It is also a time to remember the power of God's love and the promise of eternal life.

Good Friday is also a day of hope and new beginnings. It is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope. Jesus' death on the cross was not the end but rather the beginning of something new. Through his resurrection, Jesus conquered death and opened the way for eternal life for all who believe in him.

This afternoon, our service will consist of a scripture introduced by the Chancel and Bell Choirs, followed by readings and prayers reflecting on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross.

This is a service of Darkness. As each of the last words is sung, reflected upon, and prayed over, the lights will be dimmed. Please exit in silence.

***1. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.***

Poem

Prayer

**Luke 23:34**

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***2. Amen I say to thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise.***

Reflection

Prayer

**Luke 23:43**

***3. Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!***

Reflection

Prayer

**John 19:26-27**

***4. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?***

Psalms 22 chanted responsively

**Mark 15:34**

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Prayer

**5. *I thirst.***

**John 19:28**

Reflection

Unison Prayer:

*Dear Jesus, help me to spread thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel thy presence in my soul. Let the look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.*

**6. *It is finished, it is done.***

**John 19:30**

Reflection

Prayer

**7. *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.***

**Luke 23:46**

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Prayer

As you contemplate the meaning of Christ's passion and death, please leave the sanctuary in silence.

We encourage those who can manage the walk to make use of the Labyrinth for a time of prayer and meditation following this service.



***Please join us this Sunday to Celebrate Easter!***

***6:00 am Sunrise service on the patio***

***Pancake Breakfast***

***10:00 am Traditional service in the Sanctuary***