



***Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church***

*Northglenn, Colorado*

*A Service of Word and Table*

*March 29, 2018 7:00 p.m.*

***Maundy Thursday***

***Seven Last Words of Christ***

**Welcome**

We are glad you are worshiping with us this evening! If you are visiting, we appreciate your filling out the information card found in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate. Parts in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.

**Centering Music**

**Call to Worship**

Holy One, we gather to worship you  
**even as we hear the ragged breathing of the one carrying the cross,  
even as we hear him stumble and fall.**  
Give us the strength to hear the story once again.  
**Do not let us turn away.**  
Be with us as we worship in this darkness.

**Opening Hymn 101** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**God of grace and truth,  
as we move from the brightness of the day's light  
to the enfolding darkness of the night-time,  
help us to know your light in our hearts,  
that in our need for forgiveness and strength  
your gracious word may be known.  
And then help us to go from this place  
renewed in spirit.  
In the name of Christ we pray.  
Amen.**

**Word 1** – *‘Forgive them, Father. They don’t know what they are doing.’*

Luke 23:34

**Word 2** – *‘I promise you that today you will be in Paradise with me.’*

Luke 23:43

**Hymn of Reflection 599** Jesus, Remember Me

**Word 3** – *‘He is your son: she is your mother.’*

John 19:27

Word 4 – ‘My God, my God, why did you abandon me?’

Mark 15:34

Word 5 – ‘I am thirsty.’

John 19:28

**Hymn of Reflection** On a Barren Hilltop

Capo 5: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (Am) (Dm) (Am)  
 Dm C Dm F Dm Gm Dm

1 On a bar - ren hill - top just out - side the walls  
 2 Test - ed just as we are, in a world of strife,  
 3 Let us then come bold - ly to the heaven - ly throne,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)  
 F C Dm F Gm

of an an - cient cit - y as the eve - ning falls,  
 through the pain and con - flict of a hu - man life,  
 where our hu - man weak - ness is so ful - ly known,

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)  
 C Am Dm C G C

speaks a dy - ing fig - ure hang - ing on a tree,  
 here at last com - plet - ed with his fi - nal breath  
 and the mer - cy giv - en by which we are freed,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)  
 Dm C Am Gm F C Dm

say - ing “It is fin - ished,” words of vic - to - ry.  
 is a life tri - um - phant o - ver sin and death.  
 and the grace pro - vid - ed for our time of need.

Word 6 – ‘It is finished.’

John 19:30

Word 7 – ‘Father, into your hands I place my spirit.’

Luke 23:46

**Meditation**

**Communion Hymn 515** Now to Your Table Spread

**Celebration of the Lord’s Table**

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

May you know that the Lord is with you.  
**And also with you.**

May you open your heart to him this night.  
**May you know his love within you.**

Even in the foreboding presence of darkness  
**May his light shine forth.**

*we join with voices around us and beyond us  
 in the song of everlasting praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

*As we are bold to pray in the way Jesus, saying together:*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after the Meal

**We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
 that even in the darkness of this night,  
 your light shines.  
 We rejoice that we have shared with Christ  
 around his table,  
 and we pray for his strength as we continue to be his body  
 in this world.  
 Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 98** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded  
**Charge and Benediction**

Poetry selections from Mark Strand’s *The Seven Last Words*