

**GOOD FRIDAY “service of darkness”
and the 7 last words
March 30, 2018 Noon and 7:30**

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

PRELUDE MUSIC ... Mike Hefter

opening prayer

The cross. A powerful symbol of life’s fragility ... life’s often confusing twists and turns ... and the ultimate sacrifice you have given us.

I know more than ever ... terror and evil are a part of our world.

My vow?

To love more. To give more. To stand up for those who cannot do it all by themselves ... which, by the way, is most of us.

To see the beauty in my neighbor ... especially those who don’t see the beauty in themselves. To stand firm in my belief in the POWER OF GOODNESS, which no amount of evil and bloodshed can diminish.

You inspire me, Lord, to be a person of grace and peace.

May my resolve not waiver in the face of all going on around us ---- amen.

“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” 759

**Second word ----- “Today, you will be with me in paradise”
“Jerusalem, my happy home” 628

**Third word ----- “Mother, behold your son”
“How Great Thou Art” 856 “He’s my son” Ilene Quartemont (7:30)

**Fourth word ----- “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
“Just as I am” 592

**Fifth word ----- “I thirst”
“For those tears I died” 77 (spirit)

**Sixth word ----- “It is finished”
“Abide with me” 629

**Seventh word ----- “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”
noon: “Blest be the tie that binds” 656
7:30 --- the choir ... “When I survey the wondrous cross”

PASCHAL CANDLE IS REMOVED, symbolizing Jesus’ death ...
THEN BROUGHT BACK IN, pointing us to the resurrection.
 (“in this very room” ... we have shared so much)

“Were you there ...” 353 benediction

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*Worship on Easter ... 7:00 8:30 11:00 Blessings to all!!
(breakfast ... 7:30 – 10:30)*

LOVE BUCKET this week ... helping all of our youth pay for their spring retreat ... thanks for supporting and lovin’ our kids!!