



Good Friday

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, APRIL 11, 1952

SPONSORED BY THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

FROM 12, NOON, UNTIL 3

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM
THE CROSS

We respectfully invite all the people of the community to these services. We believe this will be a helpful preparation for Easter. Come when you can, leave when you must, but please come and go quietly.

12:00—

Organ—

First Word: Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. St. Luke 23:34.

Meditation and Prayer, Reverend C. C. Dotson.

Hymn—148, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

12:25—

Organ—

Second Word: And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. St. Luke 23:43.

Meditation and Prayer, Reverend George P. Myers.

Hymn—149, In The Cross Of Christ I Glory.

12:50—

Organ—

Third Word: When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. St. John 19:26, 27.

Meditation and Prayer, Reverend Richard M. Sammon.

Trio—"Sheep and Lambs" _____ Homer
Alma Grabow, Aletha Starck, Edna Mentzer

1:15—

Organ—

Fourth Word: And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? St. Matthew 27:46.

Meditation and Prayer, Reverend J. J. Hutchison.

Solo—"Before The Cross" _____ La Forge
P. E. Stansell

1:40—

Organ—

Fifth Word: After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. St. John 19:28.

Meditation and Prayer, Reverend Paul E. Carson.

Solo—"He Was Despised", from "The Messiah" _Handel
Willard M. Duff

2:05—

Organ—

Sixth Word: When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished! St. John 19:30.

Meditation and Prayer, Reverend Joseph W. Peterson.

Solo—"If With All Your Heart", from "The Elijah"
_____ Mendelssohn
Lucile Sanger

2:30—

Organ—

Seventh Word: And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. St. Luke 23:46.

Meditation and Prayer, Reverend Edward E. Acheson

Duet—"O Stainless One" _____ Adam Geibel
Violet Lester, Lillie Jones

At the Organ:

Louise Moorhead, Helen Sharman, Frances Stansell, Elsie Thomas,
Virginia Blunt

The Christian Hope

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Death could not hold him!" What more significant thing could be said about anyone!

It is human nature to want to live. Life has so many possibilities, allurements, aspirations, desires which cannot be realized in the allotted threescore years and ten, nor could they be if that time were doubled! This is but another indication that man was made in the divine image. Were he only human, no doubt he would be satisfied with achievements which could be realized in an average lifetime.

St. Paul tells us that "God is not mocked!" By the same reasoning we may assume that He does not mock his creature—man. Having created him with the desire to live, supplied him with aspirations which can be realized only if time is extended to infinity, with values of character which should never be lost, we have reason to believe that life is eternal.

The Christian Church is built upon this hope. Its greatest festival is Easter, which commemorates the resurrection—the culmination of man's most cherished hopes, the fulfillment of all worthy desires, the realization which makes other promises possible.

—*Benjamin Eitelgeorge*

Written for Easter, 1952, Canon City, Colorado.