

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

SERMON SERIES

The Cross That Spoke

Understanding the Dying Words of Jesus

TODAY'S SERMON

"Father, Into Your Hands"

Scripture: St. Luke 23:44-49

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. 47 When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." 48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. 49 But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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Sermon Notes

This statement from the cross is not to someone, a question, or declaration. Rather, it is a prayer. Jesus in his final moment prayers from the cross. What does He pray?

1) A Prayer of _____.

Jesus in his final moments uttered the words of the first prayer he probably ever learned. He began life with God--and he completed his life with God.

2) A Prayer of _____.

Jesus is placing his spirit in to the eternal care of God with the confidence that there is more yet to come.

3) A Prayer of _____.

Christ and his Creator is nowhere more certain than in this moment.
