

# Ash Wednesday

## March 5, 2025

SERMON SERIES  
*The Cross that Spoke*  
*Understanding the Dying Words of Jesus*

TONIGHT'S MESSAGE:  
*"Father Forgive"*

Scripture: St. Luke 23:32-38  
(Good News Translation)

32 Two other men, both of them criminals, were also led out to be put to death with Jesus. 33 When they came to the place called "The Skull," they crucified Jesus there, and the two criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Forgive them, Father! They don't know what they are doing."

They divided his clothes among themselves by throwing dice. 35 The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders made fun of him: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!"

36 The soldiers also made fun of him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, 37 and said, "Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!"

38 Above him were written these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

# Sermon Notes

The dying words of our Lord, if understood properly, can become anchors of hope. Each one answers a question, meets a need, or addresses a problem. This first statement deals with the power of forgiveness, and challenges us in three important ways:

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Is Expressed.

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2. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Is Expected.

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3. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Is Extended.

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