

The Seven Last Words of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Luke 23:34, 23:43, 23:46; John 19:27, 19:28, 19:30; Mark 15:34

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prelude
"Fa - ther, Fa - ther, for - give - them, for - give them,

allarg.
for - they know not what they do."
interlude

F Gmin C7 Dmin Gmin C7 F Gmin C7
(unison) "This - day you shall - be with me,
(unison) "This - day you shall - be with me;

allarg.
this - day, this - day in par - a - dise, in par - a - dise, in par - a - dise with me."
interlude

rit.
"Be - hold, be - hold, be - hold your moth - er."
interlude

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Dedicated to Lillian Pinheiro.

"My God, my God, why, oh why, why, oh why, have you a - ban-doned me?"

"My, my God, my, my God,

allarg.

interlude "I thirst, I thirst, I thirst, I thirst, I

thirst, — I — thirst, I — thirst." *interlude* "It is — fin - ished,

allarg.

it is — fin - ished, it is fin - ished, fin - ished." *interlude* "Fath - er, —

allarg.

Fath - er, in - to your hands I com - mend my spir - it."

(staggered breathing...) *rit.*

Performance notes: This arrangement is intended for a *cappella* SATB choir.
 The prelude and interludes are of indefinite duration, and may be used for prayer, readings, introductory chord, or silence.
 If accompanied, chords are given for "This day you shall be with me."