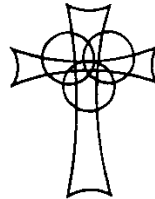




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## Good Friday



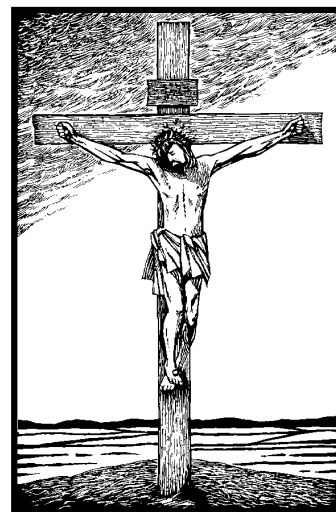
**The Second Day of the Easter Triduum**  
*The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion*

**April 2, 2021**

*A Prayer As We Gather*

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me;  
 Body of Christ, save me;  
 Blood of Christ, refresh me;  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me;  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me;  
 O good Jesus, hear me;  
 Within Thy wounds hide me;  
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;  
 From the malicious enemy defend me;  
 In the hour of my death call me,  
 And bid me come to Thee  
 That with Thy saints I may praise Thee  
 For all eternity.  
 Amen.*

*Anima Christi – 14<sup>th</sup> Century, Author Unknown*



✠ *In the Name of Jesus, Welcome!* ✠

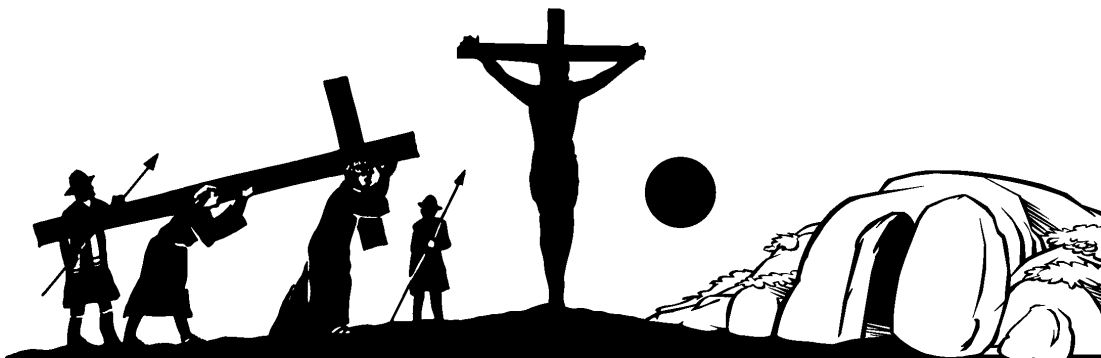
*Some thoughts as we prepare for tonight's worship...*

Good Friday is the *celebration* of the remembrance of our Lord Jesus' Passion, Death, and Burial. Today's service is a continuation of the Great Three Days of Redemption—the Easter Triduum—which began last night on Maundy Thursday and which will culminate with the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Day. Although, the Liturgies of this day have a somber tone to them, this day is not kept as a “funeral” for our Lord, but rather as a moment in which we reflect on and give thanks for the salvation that Christ has won for us. What we recall on this day never loses sight of the glories of Easter's empty tomb which we will soon behold.

The devotion we use tonight known as the Stations, or the Way, of the Cross is an adaptation to local usage of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's Passion and death, especially those places on the *Via Dolorosa*, the route said to be that along which our Lord was led to be crucified. The number of stations, which at first varied widely, finally became fixed at fourteen.

The text of this Devotion found in this order is one version of the Traditional Form of the Stations of the Cross as they are kept in the City of Jerusalem. Of the fourteen stations observed on the *Via Dolorosa*, eight are directly based on the events of Christ's Passion as found in the Gospels. The other six (Stations 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 13), are based upon either inferences from the Gospels or from pious legends. The devotion, in this form, makes a connection for those who use it with those who remember Our Lord's Passion in the places where they occurred, as well as being a well-used reflection upon Christ's great work of salvation for us. The Hymns sung in this order are drawn from the tradition of Lutheran Chorales which serve as meditations and reflections upon the events commemorated as the procession moves from station to station.

*O Savior of the world, who by Your Cross and precious Blood has redeemed us:  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord. Amen.*



STATIONS *of the* CROSS

## The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday



✠ *Jesus, Mercy!* ✠

### ✠ The Preparation ✠

*Continuing in the silence which ended the Liturgy of Holy Thursday, the worshipping community gathers together for the day's worship simply by going to their places and keeping a time of quiet prayer and meditation.*

The Entrance of the Cross:

*The congregation rises and faces the Processional Crucifix in the narthex.*

*The Pastor holds the Cross high and says:*

- P** Behold, the life-giving Cross on which was hung the Salvation of the world.  
**C** **O come, let us worship Him!**

*The Crucifix is carried in procession to the middle of the nave.*

*Please turn towards the chancel as the procession passes you.*

*The Pastor once more holds the Cross high and says:*

- P** Behold, the life-giving Cross on which was hung the Salvation of the world.  
**C** **O come, let us worship Him!**

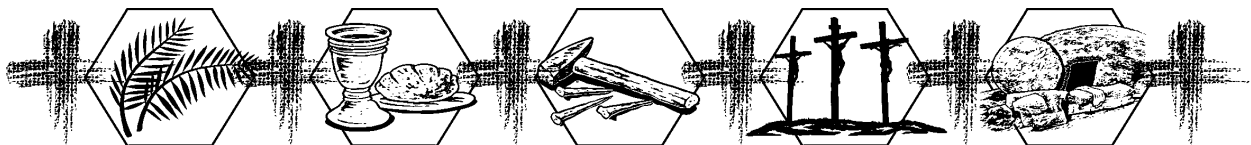
*The Crucifix is then carried in procession to the chancel.*

*Reaching the chancel, the Pastor, facing the Congregation, holds the Cross high and says:*

- P** Behold, the life-giving Cross on which was hung the Salvation of the world.  
**C** **O come, let us worship Him!**

*The Crucifix is placed in its place of honor in the chancel.*

*The Office Lights standing before the Crucifix are lighted as the following hymn is sung by the Congregation.*



“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

- 1 **When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2 **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**
- 3 **See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4 **Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

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✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Acclamation and Prayer of the Day:

**P** Blessed be our God.

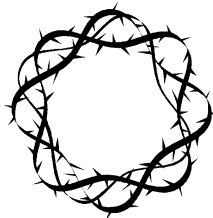
**C** **Forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



- P** *Ant.* Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- <sup>9</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief;  
my soul and my body also.
- C** <sup>10</sup>**For my life is spent with sorrow,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.**
- P** <sup>11</sup>Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.
- C** <sup>12</sup>**I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.**
- P** <sup>13</sup>For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror on every side!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.
- C** <sup>14</sup>**But I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, “You are my God.”**
- P** <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!
- C** <sup>16</sup>**Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!**
- P** *Ant.* Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

*A moment of silence is kept for meditation on the Word.*

- P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus, who suffered men to slander You and to bear false witness against You,  
yet did not open Your mouth save only to pray for Your tormentors, shed abroad  
Your love in our hearts that we hate not them that hate us and speak evil against us,  
but enable us to love our enemies, being always ready to suffer wrong for Your  
Name and for the Gospel. We ask this for Your tender mercy’s sake.
- C** **Amen.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is kept for meditation on the Word.*

**P** We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C** **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

*from Galatians 6:14*

**P** Let us pray.

O God, in the Passion of Your Son You showed us the path to eternal glory by the way of the cross. Graciously grant by our prayers that we may now follow Him to the Place of Calvary and so may also share His triumph for all eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



✠ ✠ ✠ **VIA CRUCIS** ✠ ✠ ✠  
The Way of the Cross

*Customarily, the Stations of the Cross are made in the church by moving in procession to each of the plaques on the walls of the sanctuary which depict the event the station commemorates.*

*This evening, the Congregation will “follow in spirit”, from station to station, remaining seated in their places, prayerfully meditating upon the events commemorated.*

*The procession goes to the First Station as the following stanza is sung:*

**Jesus, I will ponder now  
On Your holy Passion;  
With Your Spirit me endow  
For such meditation.  
Grant that I in love and faith  
May the image cherish  
Of Your suffering, pain, and death  
That I may not perish.**

*(LSB 440:1)*

*The First Station  
Jesus is condemned to death*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate. And they all condemned Him and said, “He deserves to die.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

*from Mark 15:1; Matthew 26:66; John 19:13, 16*



- P** God did not spare His own Son:  
**C** **But delivered Him up for us all.**

*from Romans 8:32*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
 O Lord Jesus Christ, You came down to earth from the bosom of the Father in heaven and shed Your precious blood for the remission of our sins; we pray that on the day of judgment we may be found on Your right hand and hear Your words: “Come, O blessed of My Father;” for You live and reign now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**Make me see Your great distress,  
 Anguish, and affliction,  
 Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
 And Your crucifixion;  
 Make me see how scourge and rod,  
 Spear and nails, did wound You,  
 How for them You died, O God  
 Who with thorns had crowned You.**

*(LSB 440:2)*



*The Second Station  
 Jesus takes up His cross*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

Jesus went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although He was a Son, he learned obedience through what He suffered. Like a lamb He was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so He opened not His mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

*from John 19:17; Hebrews 5:8; Isaiah 53:7; Revelation 5:12*

- P** The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all:  
**C** **For the transgression of my people was He stricken.**

*from Isaiah 53:6, 8*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*



- P** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow Him; who lives and reigns forever and ever.
- C** Amen.

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
 Make me see Your Passion,  
 But its cause to me make known  
 And its termination.  
 Ah! I also and my sin  
 Wrought Your deep affliction;  
 This indeed the cause has been  
 Of Your crucifixion.**

(LSB 440:3)

***The Third Station  
 Jesus falls the first time***

*This station does not commemorate any specific event recounted by any of the Four Evangelists. However, it is inferred through the event of the Fifth Station, that Jesus, physically weakened by the torture of His scourging, needed assistance in carrying His cross to Calvary.*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for He is the Lord our God.

*from Philippians 2:5-9; Psalm 95:6-7*

- P** Surely He has borne our griefs:  
**C** And carried our sorrows.

*from Isaiah 53:4*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*



- P** Let us pray.  
 O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**Grant that I Your Passion view  
 With repentant grieving.  
 Let me not bring shame to You  
 By unholy living.  
 How could I refuse to shun  
 Ev'ry sinful pleasure  
 Since for me God's only Son  
 Suffered without measure?**

*(LSB 440:4)*



***The Fourth Station  
 Jesus meets His sorrowful Mother***

*This station does not commemorate any specific event recounted by any of the Four Evangelists. However, it is inferred from John's account of the crucifixion which places Mary at the cross of her Son. This traditional station also commemorates the prophesy of Simeon (Luke 2:35) concerning Mary, now being fulfilled in Jesus' Passion.*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

*from Lamentations 2:13; Matthew 5:4; Isaiah 60:20*

- P** A sword will pierce your own soul also:  
**C** **And fill your heart with bitter pain.**

*from Luke 2:35*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
Grant, we beseech You, O Lord, to us Your servants the gift of Your heavenly grace, that, as the Son of the Virgin Mary has made us partakers of salvation, we may daily grow in grace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**If my sins give me alarm  
And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
By Your holy Passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
God must have compassion!**

*(LSB 440:5)*

***The Fifth Station  
The cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene***

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

*from Luke 23:26; Matthew 16:24; 11:29-30*



- P** Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me:  
**C** **Cannot be My disciple.**

*from Luke 14:27*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
Receive our prayers, O Lord, and in Your mercy subdue to Your service even our rebellious wills; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**Graciously my faith renew;  
Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav'n above  
Sing Your praise forever.**

*(LSB 440:6)*



***The Sixth Station***  
***A woman wipes the face of Jesus***

*This station does not commemorate any specific event recounted by any of the Four Evangelists. It is a legendary event inferred from the Gospels which record that there were many women who followed Jesus and ministered to Him, and who were also present for His crucifixion.*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

We have seen Him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and His form beyond that of the children of men. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes we are healed.

*from Isaiah 53:2-3; 52:14; 53:5*

- P** Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:  
**C** **Show the light of Your countenance, and we shall be saved.** *from Psalm 80:3*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*



- P** Let us pray.  
 Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in His steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in His Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of Him who laid down His life for us, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**O sacred Head, now wounded,  
 With grief and shame weighed down,  
 Now scornfully surrounded  
 With thorns, Thine only crown.  
 O sacred Head, what glory,  
 What bliss, till now was Thine!  
 Yet, tho' despised and gory,  
 I joy to call Thee mine.**

*(TLH 172:1)*

***The Seventh Station  
 Jesus falls a second time***

*This station does not commemorate any specific event recounted by any of the Four Evangelists. It is a legendary event which shows Jesus, weakened by His sufferings, falling in exhaustion as He continues the road to Calvary.*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth. For the transgression of my people was He stricken.

*from Isaiah 53:4, 6-8*



- P** But as for Me, I am a worm and no man:  
**C** **Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

*from Psalm 22:6*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
 Almighty and ever-living God, in Your tender love for the human race You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of His suffering, and also share in His resurrection; who lives and reigns forever and ever.
- C** Amen.

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee,  
 Thou noble countenance,  
 Tho' mighty worlds shall fear Thee  
 And flee before Thy glance.  
 How art Thou pale with anguish,  
 With sore abuse and scorn!  
 How doth Thy visage languish  
 That once was bright as morn!**

*(TLH 172:2)*



*The Eighth Station  
 Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

And there followed Jesus a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them He said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

*from Luke 23:27-31*

- P** Those who sowed with tears:  
**C** **Will reap with songs of joy.**

*from Psalm 126:5*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
Teach Your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by Your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

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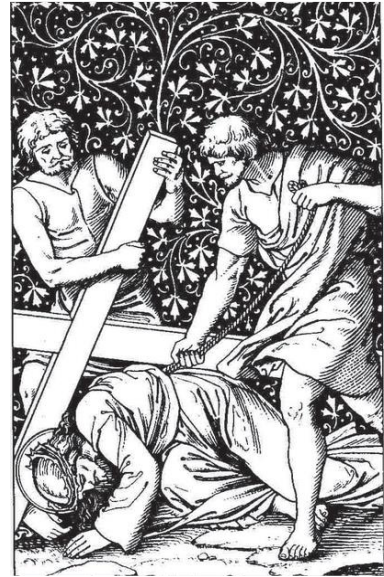
**Now from Thy cheeks has vanished  
Their color, once so fair;  
From Thy red lips is banished  
The splendor that was there.  
Grim Death, with cruel rigor,  
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor,  
Thy strength, in this sad strife.**

(TLH 172:3)

***The Ninth Station  
Jesus falls a third time***

*This station does not commemorate any specific event recounted by any of the Four Evangelists. It is a legendary event which shows Jesus, now having arrived at the hill of Calvary, collapsing from the exertion He has spent to arrive at the place of His crucifixion.*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**



I am the Man who has seen affliction under the rod of His wrath; He has driven and brought Me into darkness without any light. He has besieged Me and enveloped Me with bitterness and tribulation; He has made Me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, He shuts out My prayer. He has made My teeth grind on gravel, and made Me cower in ashes. "Remember, O Lord, My affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!"

*from Lamentations 3:1-2, 5-6, 8, 16, 19*

- P** He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:  
**C** **And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so He opened not His mouth.**

*from Isaiah 53:7*

The Meditation on the Station

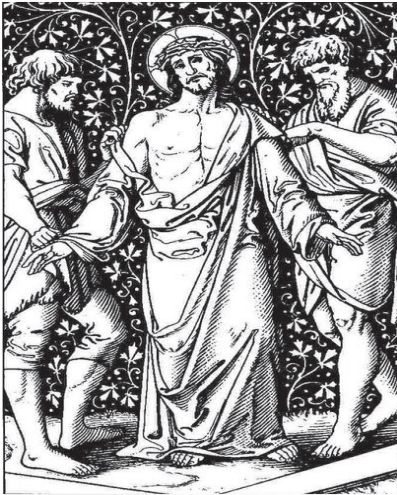
*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
 O God, by the passion of Your blessed Son You made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen.

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**My burden in Thy Passion,  
 Lord, Thou hast borne for me,  
 For it was my transgression  
 Which bro't this woe on Thee  
 I cast me down before Thee;  
 Wrath were my rightful lot.  
 Have mercy, I implore Thee;  
 Redeemer, spurn me not!**

*(TLH 172:4)*



***The Tenth Station***  
***Jesus is stripped of His garments***

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered Him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. And they divided His garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided My garments among them; they cast lots for My clothing."

*from Matthew 27:33-35; John 19:24*

- P** They gave Me gall to eat:  
**C** **And when I was thirsty they gave Me vinegar to drink.** *from Psalm 69:21*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
 Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave His body to be whipped and His face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.



*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**Here I will stand beside Thee,  
From Thee I will not part;  
O Savior, do not chide me!  
When breaks Thy loving heart,  
When soul and body languish  
In death's cold, cruel grasp,  
Then in Thy deepest anguish,  
Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.**

*(TLH 172:6)*

***The Eleventh Station  
Jesus is nailed to the cross***

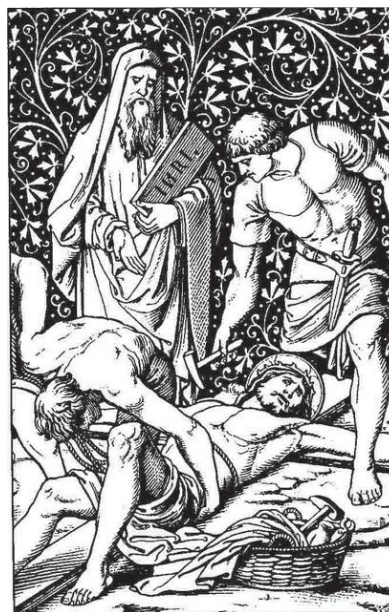
- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified Him; and with Him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

*from Luke 23:32-33; 22:37*

- P** They pierce My hands and My feet:  
**C** **They stare and gloat over Me.**

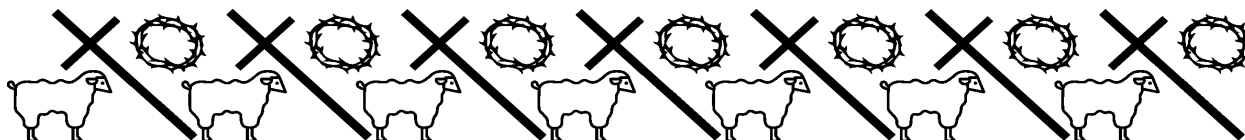
*from Psalm 22:16-17*



The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

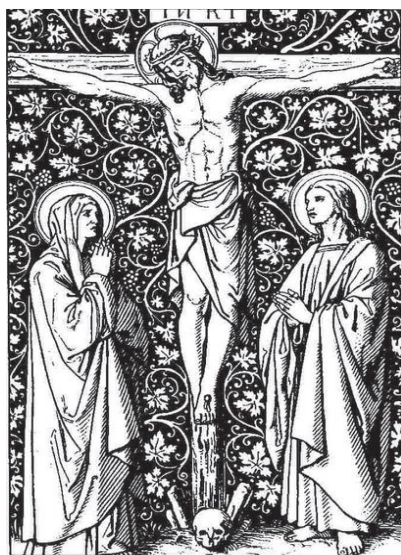
- P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out Your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of Your saving embrace: So clothe us in Your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know You to the knowledge and love of You; for the honor of Your Name.  
**C** **Amen.**



*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**The joy can ne'er be spoken,  
Above all joys beside,  
When in Thy body broken  
I thus with safety hide.  
O Lord of Life, desiring  
Thy glory now to see,  
Beside Thy cross expiring;  
I'd breathe my soul to Thee.**

*(TLH 172:7)*



*The Twelfth Station  
Jesus dies on the cross*

**P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed  
the world.

When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing near, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, “It is finished!” And then, crying with a loud voice, He said, “Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.” And He bowed His head, and handed over His spirit.

*from John 19:26-27, 30; Luke 23:46*

**P** Christ for us became obedient unto death:  
**C** Even death on a cross.

*from Philipians 2:8*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

**P** Let us pray.  
O God, who for our redemption gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; who lives and reigns now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.**

*(TLH 172:8)*

***The Thirteenth Station  
Jesus is taken down from the cross***

*This station does commemorate an event recounted by the Four Evangelists. The readings appointed for this station reflect the tradition that as Jesus' body was removed from the cross He was placed first into the arms of His Mother, Mary. This scene is popularly remembered through its representation in sacred art in the form of The Pieta.*



- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. “Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.”

*from Lamentations 1:12; 2:11; Ruth 1:20*

- P** Her tears run down her cheeks:  
**C** **And she has none to comfort her.**

*from Lamentations 1:2*

The Meditation on the Station

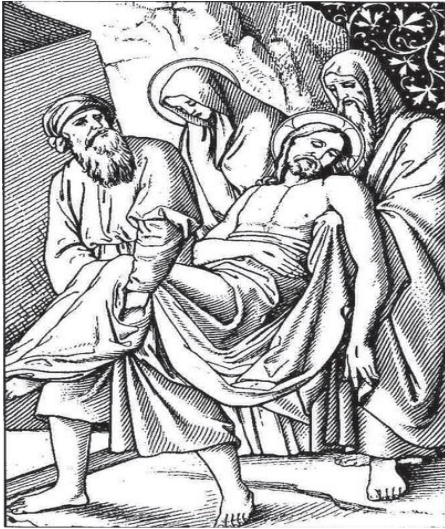
*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
Lord Jesus Christ, by Your death You took away the sting of death: Grant to us Your servants so to follow in faith where You have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in You and wake up in Your likeness; for Your tender mercies' sake.  
**C** **Amen.**

*The procession moves to the next station as the following stanza is sung:*

**My Savior, be Thou near me  
When death is at my door;  
Then let Thy presence cheer me,  
Forsake me nevermore!  
When soul and body languish,  
Oh, leave me not alone,  
But take away mine anguish  
By virtue of Thine own!**

*(TLH 172:9)*



*The Fourteenth Station  
Jesus is laid in the tomb*

- P** We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.  
**C** **Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

*from Matthew 27:57-60*

- P** You will not abandon Me to the grave:  
**C** **Nor let Your Holy One see corruption.**

*from Psalm 16:10*

The Meditation on the Station

*A time of silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, Your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with Him in the waters of Baptism may find our perfect rest in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He lives and reigns forever and ever.  
**C** **Amen.**

*The procession returns to the Altar as the following stanza is sung:*

**Be Thou my Consolation,  
My Shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy Passion  
When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,  
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee.  
Who dieth thus dies well.**

*(TLH 172:10)*

✠ **The Service of Prayer** ✠

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**P** O Lord, hear my prayer.  
**C** **And let my cry come to You.**

*Psalm 102:1*

**P** Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You have redeemed us:  
**C** **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech You, O Lord.**

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and eternal God, because it was Your will that Your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us, and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** All the ends of the earth have seen:

**C** **The salvation of our God.**

*Psalm 98:3b*

**P** Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow Him; who now lives and reigns, God forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord will give strength to His people.

**C** **The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

*Psalm 29:11, alt.*

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

**C** **Have mercy on us.**

**P** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

**C** **Have mercy on us.**

**P** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world;

**C** **Grant us Your peace. Amen.**

✠ **The Conclusion** ✠

*The Congregation rises.*

The Closing Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 456*

“Were You There”

**1** **Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Oh . . .**

**Sometimes it causes me to tremble,**

**tremble,**

**tremble.**

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

- 2    **Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh . . .  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
          tremble,  
          tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?**
- 3    **Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh . . .  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
          tremble,  
          tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?**
- 4    **Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?  
Oh . . .  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble,  
          tremble,  
          tremble.  
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?**

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The Closing Antiphon:

- P**    We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.  
**C**    **For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.**
- P**    God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.  
**C**    **We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection.  
For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.**

*The Pastor reverences the Altar and leaves in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation, and then also depart in silence. There is no benediction. The omission of benedictions at the end of the Liturgies of both Holy Thursday and Good Friday indicate their continuity with each other and with the Liturgy of Our Lord's Resurrection.*

*Our Holy Week Devotions conclude with the Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord in the Liturgy of Easter Day.*

## Those Who Serve Us Tonight in Worship

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The Parish Musician: Skip Hall

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April 1-4, 2021

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