

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. † Stations of the Cross

April 2, 2021

Officiant: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

In the words our Lord Christ taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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

People: **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1) JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

After Jesus was betrayed to the authorities, He was brought before the Roman ruler Pontius Pilate. Pilate knew Jesus was innocent of any wrongdoing but he didn't have the courage to let him go, so he asked the crowd: What has this man done? What are his charges? He is causing the people to riot. He claims to be king. But I can find no case against Him. What should I do with Him? Crucify Him! Crucify Him! I wash my hands of this man Jesus.

Activity: Wash your hands with the water in the bowl as Pontius Pilot did and say the words: I wash my hands of this man Jesus

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

2) JESUS ACCEPTS THE CROSS

So they took Jesus and tied His hands. After, they led Him away and made Him carry his own cross.

Activity: Tie two sticks together and make a cross.

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

3) SIMON HELPS WITH THE CROSS

Just then, a certain passerby, Simon of Cyrene, was coming in from the country. The soldiers forced him to help Jesus carry His cross.

Activity: Take a turn touching or trying to carry something heavy.

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. Amen.

4) JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Jesus then comes to the top of the hill, and the soldiers tear off His clothes. He is a very poor King, yet rich in what is important: Love for Us.

Activity: Tear a piece of cloth or paper towel.

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. Amen.

5) JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

When they came to Calvary, a place called “The Skull, they crucified Him with nails. While Jesus was being crucified, He said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.”

Activity: Hammer a nail into something wooden or knock on something wooden.

*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. **Amen.***

6) JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

When Jesus was on the cross, they gave Him vinegar to drink. At about mid-afternoon, there was darkness over the land. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend My spirit." Then, bowing his head, He died.

Activity: Breath in a big breath and blow out the air from your mouth until you can't anymore. When Jesus died he stopped breathing, he had no more breaths.

*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 for ever. **Amen.***

7) THE BURIAL OF JESUS

Joseph took the body of Jesus off the cross and anointed it. He placed the body of Jesus in a tomb cut out of rock. Then a large stone was rolled in front of it. After burying Jesus, Joseph went home, and a night watch was placed at the tomb.

Activity: Make a cross on your hand with oil. Jesus was anointed with oil when they took him off the cross.

*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. **Amen.***

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.