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Topic: The Way of the Cross: The Cross is Laid on Simon of Cyrene

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Midweek Lenten Worship

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LENTEN MEDITATIONS: THE WAY OF THE CROSS The Cross is Laid on Simon of Cyrene

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Concordia Lutheran, Emanuel Lutheran, Faith Lutheran and St. Mary's Episcopal Churches
Manchester and East Hartford, Connecticut

Concerning the Service

The devotion known as 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. From the fourteen traditional places where pilgrims went for prayer, (sometimes called "stations") we have selected five scripture readings of our Lord's passion, one each night, for our meditation.

Opening Devotions

Pastor Kershner

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

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

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

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

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

All: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Pastor: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood
you have redeemed us:

All: **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Sung Response

So the Day Dawns for Me

Kelly Sharp, piano

1. So the day dawn for me, so the day break,
2. Be the day shine for me, be the day bright,

Christ watch - ing o - ver me, Christ as I wake.
Christ my com - pan - ion be, Christ be my light. *to vs. 3*



3. Be the day dark to me, be the day drear,
4. Be the day swift to me, be the day long,



Christ shall my comfort be, Christ be my cheer.
Christ my contentment be, Christ be my song. *to vs. 5*



5. So the day close for me, so the night fall,



Christ watching over me, Christ be my all.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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.**

Scripture—Mark 15:20-22

Reader from Concordia Lutheran

After mocking Jesus, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of the skull).

Homily

Beth Lavallette, St. Mary's Episcopal

Musical Meditation

Above All, Michael W. Smith

Faith Lutheran

Prayer

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me—ELW 768

Jun Lee, piano and Emanuel Cruz

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way; for if you
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me
 walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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 forever. **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.**

† *The People depart in silence.* †

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