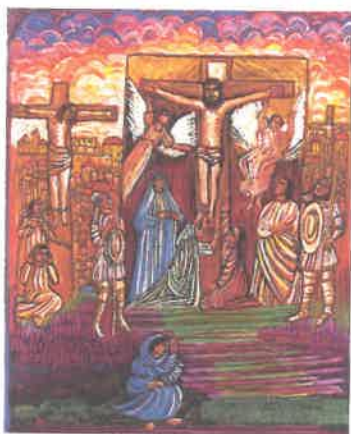


# Clarke Parish

Grace Episcopal Church & St. Mary's Memorial  
Episcopal Church

## The Way of the Cross



The Crucifixion by John August Swanson

*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 the Lord's passion and death. The number of stations, which at first varied widely, finally became fixed at fourteen. This version of the Stations of the Cross was produced by Pope John Paul II in 1991 and is based on events in scripture.*

## Opening Devotions

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**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 as we forgive those who sin  
against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

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

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

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.**

## First Station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

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

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

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." [Matthew 26:36-41]

*Silence*

Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom, that we may seek to follow your will in all things. **Amen**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Second Station: Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested

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

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

Then, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. [Mark 14: 43-46] *Silence*

Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Third Station: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin

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

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

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth." [Luke 22: 66-71] *Silence*

Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

#### Fourth Station: Jesus is Denied by Peter

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

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

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. [*Matthew 26: 69-75*] *Silence*

Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

#### Fifth Station: Jesus is Judged by Pilate

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

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

The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.... Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas... and handed Jesus over to be crucified. [*Mark 15: 1-5, 15*] *Silence*

Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see, not as the world sees. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

Sixth Station: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

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

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

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. [*John 19: 1-3*] *Silence*

Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

Seventh Station: Jesus Bears the Cross

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

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

When the chief priests and the guards saw Jesus they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." ... They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. [*John 19: 6, 15-17*] *Silence*

Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

Eighth Station: Jesus is Helped by Simon of Cyrene to Carry the Cross

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

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

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. [Mark 15: 21] *Silence*

Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth.

**Amen**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

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

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

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time, people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" [Luke 23: 27-31] *Silence*

Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn.

**Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Tenth Station: Jesus is Crucified

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

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

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." [Luke 23: 33-34]

*Silence*

Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief

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

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

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." [Luke 23: 39-43] *Silence*

Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Twelfth Station: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

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

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

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. [John 19: 25-27] *Silence*

Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

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

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

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. [Luke 23: 44-46]      *Silence*

Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth is ended our spirits may come to you without delay. **Amen.**

Trisagion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

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

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

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. [Matthew 27: 57-60]      *Silence*

Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need. **Amen.**

Trisagion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

### Fifteenth Station: The Resurrection of Jesus

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

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

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the



stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. [Mark 16:1-6] *Silence*

Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Trisaigion (said three times)

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

