

**GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 15, 2022**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Presiding Minister: Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen



Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray. Spirit of God, be with us now, prepare our hearts, and give us the courage to walk with Jesus on a journey we would rather not take. Open our eyes and enlighten us to see the profound love of God. Given freely for all humanity. Open our minds and stir within us the knowledge of the mind of God in order to understand what is asked of all of us. Open our hearts and provoke in us the compassion and mercy of God lavishly given to those who live in darkness. Open our hands to reach out and act in the name of God to serve your people, in the shadow of the cross that gathers us all together. Come now, bless us with your grace. So let the Church say:

C: Amen.

Invitation to the Way of the Cross

P: Let us now walk the way of the cross. Let us now listen well and pray the stories of life and death, of love's victory over hate and violence, of the everlasting destiny of peace. For there is no other boast than in the cross of Jesus, through whom the world has been crucified for the glory of God. For when we are weak, we are strong. Let us now make our journey with Christ.



THE FIRST STATION: Jesus Prays in the Garden of Olives

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Luke 22:39-46

³⁹He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me



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P: Christ Jesus, we know that you loved life and feared death, just as we do. We share the anxiety and difficulty of the disciples, as all of us watch with you and pray in faith. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



THE SECOND STATION: Jesus is Betrayed by Judas

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Matthew 26:45-49

⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me (see First Station)

P: Christ Jesus, it is painful and difficult for us to imagine the pain of your betrayal, especially by a friend. Yet, as always, you responded in love, even in the midst of humiliation and abandonment. Help us to remember that when we betray you, we betray ourselves. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



THE THIRD STATION: Jesus is Condemned to Death by the Sanhedrin

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Mark 14:56, 61-64

⁵⁶For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶²Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" ⁶³Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, you faced the leaders of your time, and felt their hateful judgment. They did not believe in you, Christ our healer. They did not believe in you Christ our teacher. When they say you, they did not see God. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.



THE FOURTH STATION: Jesus is Denied by Peter

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant-

girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said, "This man also was with him."⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."⁵⁸ A little later someone else, on seeing him, said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"⁵⁹ Then about an hour later still another kept insisting, "Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean."⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about!" At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, we know the horror of the rejection you experienced, and the hatred you received for being true to yourself. We feel deep sorrow as you must have, for we too have denied you, and our truest selves. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE FIFTH STATION: Jesus is Judged by Pilate

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Luke 23:20-25

²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, when we ponder on what must have happened on that day; we are humbled by your dedication to remain faithful to that which you were called to be. You spoke about and lived in peace in a culture of fear, rage, war, and suspicion. You responded in love, never faltering in your message of reconciliation, mercy and understanding. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE SIXTH STATION: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: John 19:1-3

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, we walk with you in the midst of judgment. We are with you now, and we stand with you in the midst of the horror, the beatings, the mocking, and the shallowness and dishonesty behind it all. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE SEVENTH STATION: Jesus Carries His Cross

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: John 19:17

¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, the path of the cross is a painful one, a journey of grief, a road of darkness. Yet, during this time, you show us the way of courage, you show us the way of tremendous strength. In the midst of the horror, God did not abandon you, and we believe that you will never abandon us. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE EIGHTH STATION: Jesus is Helped by Simon of Cyrene

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Mark 15:20-21

²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.²¹They 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.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, yours is the way of generosity, yours is the way of love and healing. Yours is the way of attentiveness. You call us to inconvenience ourselves for the sake of another, to be present to all of those who cry out for help. We remember the power and wonder of your teaching. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE NINTH STATION: Jesus Encounters the Women of Jerusalem

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Luke 23:27-31

²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills,

'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, we know that you called women in a special way to help proclaim and give witness to your message, your glory, your salvation, and your plan for our lives. These women help us to confront our grief; the loss of the possibilities of new life and birth, and our ache to lament and cry out in our pain. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE TENTH STATION: Jesus is Crucified

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Mark 15:22-26

²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, your response to God's call was one of total surrender, total understanding, clear and resolute, knowing well what the cost would be. Your response led you to choose against the values and will of your times, and this cause is still at odds with the forces that surround us now. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE ELEVENTH STATION: Jesus Promises to Share His Reign with the Good Thief

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Luke 23:39-43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, your openness to God helps all of us to see goodness in the midst of evil. Your story is the story of love showered upon us all, even in the midst of hate and violence. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE TWELFTH STATION: Jesus Speaks to Mary and the Beloved Disciple at the Foot of the Cross

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: John 19:25-27

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, you ask us to give ourselves to one another for the sake of love, just as you asked Mary and John to care for and love each other. We see and hear their example, your desire for us to be family for each other, your family, the family of God! Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE THIRTEENTH STATION: Jesus Dies on the Cross

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Matthew 27:45-50

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

⁴⁶And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, through your passion and death, we know you and we believe in you. With you, through the power of your presence, we, too, hold your death deep in our hearts. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer



THE FOURTEENTH STATION: Jesus Is Placed in the Tomb

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

C: Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the whole world.

Reading: Matthew 27:57-61

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

Reflection

Silence

Jesus, Remember Me

P: Christ Jesus, we now take a moment to remember the final days and nights of your most precious life on this earth. As we remember your being placed in the tomb by those who followed and loved you, we call to mind the many trials, betrayals, denials, and times of horror that we experience in our own lives. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

Final Prayer and Blessing

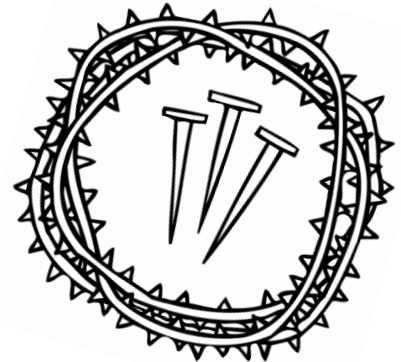
P: Let us pray...Christ Jesus, you call us all to look beyond sadness; not to look for the living among the dead, but to recognize all that is vibrant and alive in us, your Body of Christ. You call us to rejoice in the presence of your Spirit as it moves around and within us. You call us to always move forward, not to look back. Be with us now, and help us as we strive daily to take up our cross, to become your resurrection, and proclaim your new life to the world. For we believe that by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world, and let the Church say:

C: 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, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**



P: And may God bless us all in the shadow of the cross, Father, Son, and Spirit.

C: Amen.

All leave in silence.



Journey with us as we walk together through the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and celebrate His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Tonight at 7pm: Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 16 at 7:30pm: Easter Vigil Part One – Meet at the fire in the parking lot near the church entrance.

Easter Sunday:

7am Easter Vigil Part Two in the Memorial Garden

8:30am Easter Breakfast

10:15am Worship Service in the Sanctuary



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