

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross
Saint Mary's Episcopal Church
Friday, April 15th, 2022**

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

With additions made by Kerri Cartelli, revised by Vonda Humburg 2022

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

You will be directed to sit and stand as you are able.

At the end of the presentation (stripping of altar), please leave in silence.

INTRODUCTION

PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

All People Sing

“Stay With Me”

*Text: Taize Community,
Music: Jacques Bertheir*

Stay with me
Remain here with me
Watch and pray, watch and pray

OPENING PRAYER

LEADER: *While we are here as a family, remember, Jesus is with us and he loves us. Let us pray.*

PEOPLE **Dear Jesus, As we walk the Way of the Cross with you, help us to imagine what you saw and what you felt. As we listen to Your Word, help us to think about what it means in our lives today. We pray in your name, for you are Lord forever and ever, Amen.**

PLEASE SIT

Magnificat Choir

“He Loved Them to the End”

Words/Music: Joseph M. Martin

FIRST STATION - Pilot and Jesus - Jesus is unjustly condemned... John 18: 29-30, 33, 35-38, 19:1-16 & Matthew 27:24

LEADER: *Jesus is unfairly accused and put on trial for loving and caring about others.
Pilot convicts Jesus even though he knows it is wrong to please the crowd.
Sometimes we meet people and judge them because of the way they look or act.
Sometimes we forget to do the right thing and follow the crowd.*

PEOPLE: **Dear Jesus, help us to be fair and help us not to judge others.
Help us to stand up for what we believe in and always do the right thing.
Keep us close to you. Help us to call out to you especially when we are sad and lonely.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

All People Sing

#171 – “Go to Dark Gethsemane” – vs 1 &2

*Words: James Montgomery,
Music: Petra, Richard Redhead*

PLEASE SIT

SECOND STATION - Jesus Takes Up His Cross! Accepting the pain... John 19:16b-17

LEADER: *Once the punishment is announced, Jesus knows there is only one way for Him to go. He takes up His cross and starts on His way. His innocent body is badly bruised from head to toe and He is so alone now. Yet somehow, He sees all the love and strength God's is giving Him and continues on His way.*

PEOPLE: **Dear Jesus, sometimes, our problems seem so heavy and painful.**
Like Your cross, we feel like it's crushing us. When we feel alone, we wonder, "are we the only ones?" Help us remember that God, our family and friends can help us if we ask them.

Recorders: **Sarabande (English Suite No 2)** **J.S. Bach**
Et Misericordia Eiles **Anonimo S. XVII**

THIRD STATION – Simon helps to carry the cross...Mark 15: 21

LEADER: *Simon is just an ordinary person who is selected out of the crowd to help Jesus carry his cross. Simon did not want to get involved. But, by the time they reached the top of the hill, he was glad he helped Jesus. Sometimes we argue about having to help or do things we do not want to do.*

PEOPLE: **Dear Jesus, help us allow others in our life, like parents, friends, neighbors, to help us with our problems. Help us to realize that we all sometimes need help, and to trust people like you trusted Simon.**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

All People Sing **#168 – “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” – Vs 1 & 4** *Words: Paul Gerhardt,
Music: Herzlich tut
mich verlangen –
Hans Leo Hassler*

PLEASE SIT

FOURTH STATION – Jesus consoles the women and children... seeing through the pain...Luke 23: 27-32

LEADER: *Despite his own suffering, Jesus takes time to comfort the women and children in the crowd. He stops and says to them, “Don’t cry for me, but for yourselves and your children.” Sometimes we are so wrapped up in our own problems, we forget about others.*

PEOPLE: **Dear Jesus, you love us no matter what we do. Teach us to see how to deal with life. Help us to realize that sadness and problems will pass, and we can share your love with everyone we meet.**

Magnificat Choir **“Ah Holy Jesus”** *Johann Cruger – Choral Setting: Gary Mathen*

FIFTH STATION – Soldiers rip off Jesus' robe...Jesus is stripped of his garments...John 19: 23-24

LEADER: *Jesus stands on top of the hill and is stripped of his clothes. He teaches us that we should value people more than things. All the material things like clothes, iPod's, TVs, cell phones and toys, that seem so valuable to us today, are often thrown away tomorrow.*

PEOPLE: **Dear Jesus, Everything we have is a gift from you.**
Everything we do, we try to do for you. Please help us remember that with you in our lives, we have everything we need.

Trombone Solo: **No. 3 From Six Pieces for Unaccompanied Trombone**

Chuck Watt

SIXTH STATION – Jesus is nailed to the cross...leaning into the pain...Luke 23: 33

LEADER: *The soldiers roughly place Jesus down on the cross, and nails are driven into his hands and feet. Sometimes we must give up what we have or do what we do not want to do.*

PEOPLE: **Dear Jesus, help us to forgive people who hurt us, family or friends.**
The same way you forgave those who nailed you to the cross.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

All People Sing **#172 – “Were You There” – Vs 1 & 2**

*Words & Music: Afro-American Spiritual,
Harm: Charles Winfred Douglas*

PLEASE SIT

SEVENTH STATION - Jesus sees his mother Mary. Sharing his pain...John 19: 25-27

LEADER: *Along the road and at the foot of the cross, Mary catches a glimpse of her son, their eyes meet. Imagine the pain she must feel, knowing that she cannot do anything to help Him. A mother is loving and forgiving. One who shares our sorrow and pain as it were her own. Our joy is her joy, our sadness, her sadness.*

PEOPLE: **Dear Jesus, Help us to love your Mother, Mary, who you loved so much.**
Help us to open our hearts and share our sadness with others.
Help us to know our friends are there to stand with us when we are sad and lonely.
Help us open our hearts so we can always accept help.

Instrumental – Piano – Via De la Rosa or Mary did you know

EIGHTH STATION – Jesus hangs on the cross...Jesus dies on the cross...trust in God...Luke 23: 39-49
KNEEL IF YOU WISH

LEADER: *Jesus knows everything has been completed. He yells out, “**It is finished!**” then bows his head and gives his spirit to God. It was so unnecessary for Jesus to die this way. He was not a criminal. He had done nothing wrong. Sometimes, sad things happen to people we love.*

PEOPLE: Dear Jesus, You died so that all those who believe in you can live in Heaven forever. Thank you, Jesus, thank you.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

All People Sing

#172 – “Were You There” – vs 1 & 3

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NINTH STATION – Jesus is taken down from the cross...Jesus lies in the arms of Mary...

POEM - Christ Has No Body by Teresa of Avila

LEADER: *The suffering is over and the body of Jesus now rests peacefully in the arms of his mother. Mary's heart nearly breaks with sorrow. Jesus has shown us the way to love and has given us the gift of peace.*

PEOPLE: Dear Jesus, How can we think we can understand how Mary felt?
We have been sad too. When we are very sad, help us remember to pray.
When our friends are very sad, help us to be the good friends.
This should be our way of sharing your love and peace with everyone.

Magnificat Choir

“REQUIEM”

*Eliza Gilkyson,
arr: Craig Hella Johnson*

TENTH STATION – Jesus’ body is in the tomb – The burial of Jesus, closing the door...John 19: 38-42

LEADER: *Jesus’ body is placed in a tomb where it remains for three days.
The people gathered around to mourn his death and remember Him.*

PEOPLE: Dear Jesus, help us remember how you lived and that when you came back to life, you opened the gates of Heaven for everyone and all who believe in you.

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All People Sing

#172 “Were You There” – vs 1 & 4

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LEADER: *Jesus died, but will always be with us.
We believe in the Father, and in the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.
We believe even though we cannot see those who have already gone to Heaven,
we know they are always here, watching over us to fill us with their love.*

PEOPLE: **WE BELIEVE! AMEN!**

LEADER: *We have walked the Way of the Cross with Jesus. During the last days of Lent and during this Holy week, let us stay close to Jesus. Let us be with him in his suffering and death, so that we can celebrate his resurrection in joy at Easter.*

PLEASE SIT

DIVEST ALTAR & VENERATION OF THE CROSS - sample of poem by Madeleine Le’Engle –

LEAVE IN SILENCE