

# *Good Friday*



**The Way of the Cross**

**April 15, 2022**

# *Welcome to St. Mark's and St. John's*

## *What are the Stations of the Cross?*

*The Stations of the Cross, also known as The Way of the Cross, are an act of devotion dating back to early Christianity, following the path of Jesus from his trial in front of Pilate to his burial in the tomb. Along the way, reflections and prayers are offered at key points in the story, focusing on the different aspects of Christ's suffering, and asking us to mourn our sins. While the Stations can be prayed at any time, they are particularly appropriate for Lent, and often observed on Good Friday.*

## *The Via Dolorosa*

*The tradition began as a pilgrimage, with Christians walking the actual route Jesus took from Pilate's home and ending at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This route was later named the Via Dolorosa, Latin for the Sorrowful Way or the Way of Suffering. Many credit the tradition to Mary, the mother of Jesus; however, the earliest recorded pilgrims walking the Via Dolorosa were in the fourth century following the legalization of Christianity by Constantine. As early as the fifth century, Christians began to physically recreate the Stations in other locations, allowing those who were unable to make the pilgrimage to participate in the devotion. Typically, each station includes a numbered cross, as well as artwork representing the Station.*

*Ministers Enter in Silence*

**OPENING**

In the Name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **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 it is 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.**

We will walk in the way of your cross, Jesus Christ. For you are our salvation, our life and resurrection.

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.*

## Station I: Jesus is Condemned to Death

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

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

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice, he was taken away, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

God did not spare his own Son:

**But delivered him up for us all.**

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, though you were condemned to suffer and die, all judgment was placed in your hand. Grant that we may be saved from all false judgments against our neighbor, and at the last may stand before you, forgiven by your great mercy, for the sake of your love. Amen.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One. Have mercy upon us.**

*Silence*

## Station II: Jesus Takes up his Cross

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

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

Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

**For the transgressions of my people he was stricken.**

Let us pray: 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.*

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

*Silence*

### Station III: Jesus Falls the First Time

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

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

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

Surely, he has borne our griefs:

**And carried our sorrows.**

Let us pray: O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*Silence*

## Station IV: Jesus Meets his Mother

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

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

To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

A sword will pierce your own soul also;

**And fill your heart with bitter pain.**

Let us pray: O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence*

Station V: Simon of Cyrene carries Jesus' Cross

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

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

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:  
cannot be my disciple.

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Let us pray: Gracious God whose blessed Son came not to be served by 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.**

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

MUSIC (Solo):

"Give Me Jesus"

## Station VI: Veronica Wipes the Jesus' Face

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

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

We have seen him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of all humanity.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:

**Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Let us pray: O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

*Silence*

## Station VII: Jesus Falls the Second Time

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

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

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

**Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, in your tender love for all of humanity and all of creation you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take up our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of life and death, and also share in your resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever Amen.

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

*Silence*

## Station VIII: Jesus Meets the Holy Women of Jerusalem

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

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

There followed after Jesus a great multitude of people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

Those who sowed with tears:

**Will reap with songs of joy.**

Let us pray: Teach us, O God, to mourn whole heartedly. Help us to grieve the losses we need to grieve that through you we may find ways to heal and grace to walk through unbearable pain; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Silence*

## Station IX: Jesus Falls the Third Time

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

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

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged me and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago.

He was led to his death:

**And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth**

Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the way of the cross, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

*Silence*

## Station X: Jesus is Stripped of his Garments

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

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

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of the skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

They gave me gall to eat:

**And when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink.**

Let us pray: 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.*

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

*Silence*

## Station XI: 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 which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

They pierce my hands and my feet:

**They stare and gloat over me.**

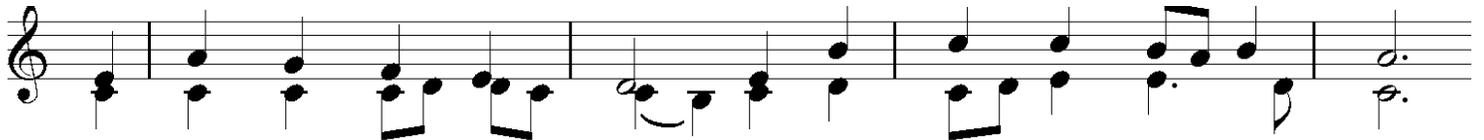
Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

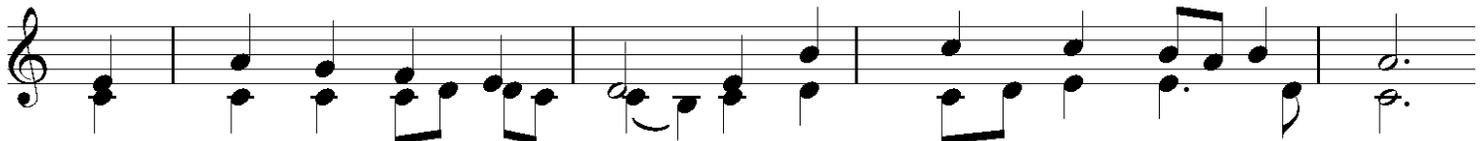
**Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

MUSIC:

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”



1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.

## Station 12: Jesus Dies on the Cross

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 which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

They pierce my hands and my feet:

**They stare and gloat over me.**

Let us pray: 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.*

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

*Silence*

Station 13: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

*The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother*

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

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

All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. "Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.

Her tears run down her cheeks:

**And she has none to comfort her.**

Let us pray: 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.

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

*Silence*

## Station 14: Jesus is Laid 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 also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

You will not abandon me to the grave:

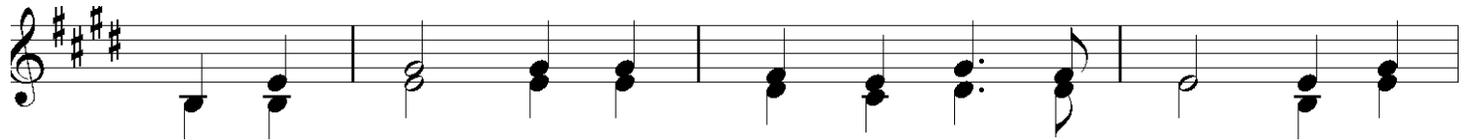
**Nor let your holy One see corruption.**

Let us pray: O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

MUSIC:

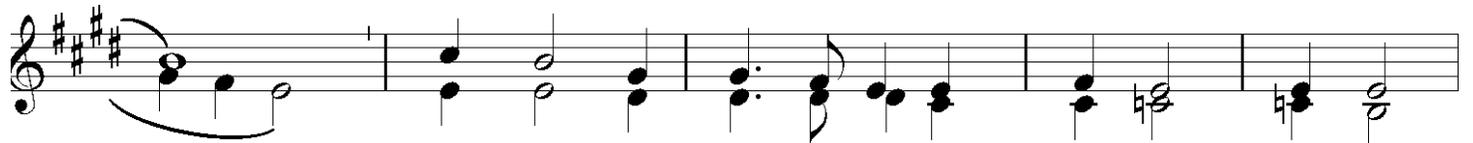
“Were You There”



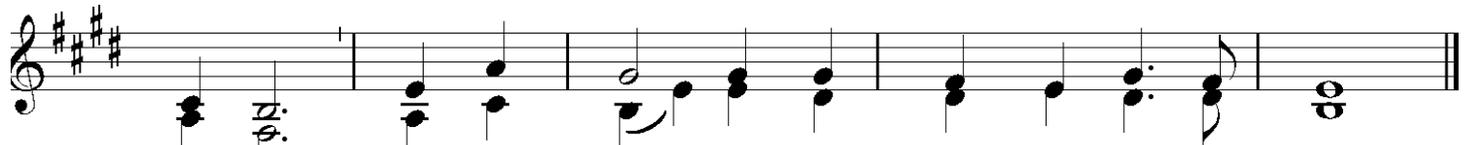
1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 \*3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you  
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



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 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_  
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_  
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! \_\_\_\_\_



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,  
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 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Let us pray,*

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*The Ministers Leave in Silence*

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 12 pm  
Merchant Garden Spring Clean-up 12:30 pm - 2 pm

Holy Saturday: Water for Uganda Walk 9 am (Highland Park)  
Prayer Service and Adorn the Church 10:30 am

Easter: Pancake Breakfast 8:15 am  
Holy Eucharist 9:15 am  
Easter Egg Hunt - following the service