

## Good Friday + April 2, 2021

### Stations of the Cross

Welcome

#### Station One: Jesus Is Condemned to Death

##### Scripture — Luke 23:13-25

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him." <sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" <sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup>A 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." <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He 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.



##### Response — Hymn no. 566

##### “When Twilight Comes”

1 When twi-light comes and the sun sets, moth - er hen pre-pares for  
2 One day the Rab - bi, Lord Je - sus, called the twelve to share his  
3 So gath-er round once a - gain, friends, touched by fad - ing glow of  
night's rest. As her brood shel-ters un - der her wings, she  
last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he  
sun's gold, and re - count all our frail hu - man hopes: the  
gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to  
spent him - self to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to  
dreams of young and sto - ries of old. Oh! what joy to  
feel her warm heart - beat and be near her all night long;  
be with Christ Je - sus, hear his voice, oh! sheer de - light,  
pray close to - geth - er, kneel-ing as one fam - i - ly,  
so the young can find re - pose, then re - new to - mor - row's song.  
and re - ceive his ser - vant care: all be - fore the com - ing night.  
by a moth - er's love em - braced in the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

## Station Two: Jesus Takes Up His Cross

Scripture — John 19:16b-17



16Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

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

Response — Hymn no. 803

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”



1 When I sur - ve y the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## Station Three: The Cross Is Laid on Simon of Cyrene

Scripture — Luke 23:26

26As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.



Response — Hymn no. 347, stanzas 1 & 2

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
“It is fin - ished!” hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Station Four: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Scripture — 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?"

Response — Hymn

“Jesus, You Once Called Disciples”  
Sung to the tune ST. HELENA

Jesus, you once called disciples,  
choosing twelve to follow you:  
Simon (also known as Peter),  
Andrew and Bartholomew,  
Philip, Thomas, James and Matthew,  
Simon, Thaddaeus, John, and James —  
Then there was the one called Judas.  
These were your disciples' names.

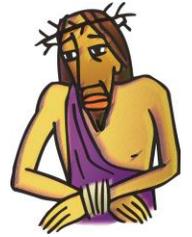
Women, too, were your disciples,  
sitting, learning, at your feet.  
Mary knew your word was precious,  
even more than food to eat.  
Martha trusted in your power  
when her brother Laz'rus died.  
Women shared your journey, Lord, and  
stayed when you were crucified.

-Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

## Station Five: Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

Scripture — Matthew 27:27-31

27Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. 28They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, 29and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 30They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. 31After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.



Response — Hymn no. 351

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



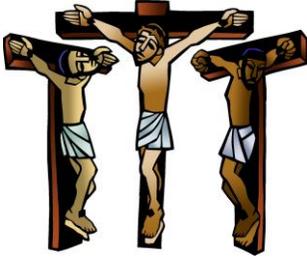
Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

## Station Six: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

Scripture — Luke 23:32-43



32Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.  
33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ 34Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"  
36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

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."

Response — Hymn no. 616

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first, showing the continuation of the melody and bass line. It also includes the lyrics between the staves.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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## Station Eight: Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

Scripture — John 19:39-42



39Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. 40They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. 41Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. 42And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Response — Hymn no. 342, stanzas 1-4

“There in God’s Garden”



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, “Our Sav - ior!”  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, “Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
sor - row, I will give bless - ing.”

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982

Music: SHADES MOUNTAIN, K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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## Prayers

We now enter into a time of prayer. Each prayer topic will be introduced. Silence will follow (this provides time to pray for that topic, silently or by writing your prayers in the comments). Each section will conclude with a prayer around that topic, ending with:

...We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

Let us pray for First Lutheran Church in St. Peter, MN - for the leaders, members, and friends of this place.

*Silent prayer.*

Loving God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.

Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help them to do faithfully the work to which you have called them.

We pray this in the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers in other churches, throughout the world, who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

Loving God, you give your church unity.

Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son.

Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love.

We pray this in the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who follow different religious paths (Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and many others).

*Silent prayer.*

Loving God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names.

Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more perfect witnesses

of the love made known to us in your Son.

We pray this in the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer.*

Loving God, you created humanity  
so that all may long to know you and find peace in you.  
Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace  
in the world and live in the love that is You.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.  
*Silent Prayer*

Loving God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe.  
Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care  
And guide us to seek the health and wholeness of all you have created  
We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
**Amen**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.  
*Silent Prayer*

Loving God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed.  
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,  
So that all people may enjoy justice, peace, and freedom,  
And share in the goodness of your creation.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
**Amen**

Let us pray for those in need.  
*Silent prayer.*

Loving God, you give strength to the weary  
and new courage to those who have lost heart.  
Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers,  
Free those unjustly deprived of liberty,  
And deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.  
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble,  
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

Let us pray for that which is on our hearts and minds this night.  
*Silent Prayer*

Loving God, we thank you that you hear all our prayers, silent or spoken, conscious or unconscious. Be with us this night as you were with Jesus on the night of his death.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
**Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

**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 who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*It is traditional to observe a time of silence following a Good Friday service.  
The service continues tomorrow night at 9:00 p.m. with an Easter Vigil blessing.*

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