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Good Friday
The Way of the Cross
April 10, 2020

Opening Devotions

Officiant

In the Name of the + Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People together pray

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.

The procession goes to the First Station.

1

The First Station: Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

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

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

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Matthew 26:36-41

V. God did not spare his own Son:

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

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

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

2

The Second Station: Jesus is Betrayed by Judas Iscariot

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

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

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

Mark 14:43-46

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

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

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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The Third Station: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin

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

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

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

Luke 22:66-71

V. You will be hated by all because of my Name:

R. **But whoever endures to the end will be saved.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, who sent your Son to defeat the powers of darkness on our behalf: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may fully proclaim your Gospel, use us in the cause of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

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4

The Fourth Station: Jesus is Betrayed by Simon Peter

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

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

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26:69-75

V. Surely he has borne our griefs:

R. **And carried our sorrows.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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 many support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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The Fifth Station: Jesus is Condemned by Pontius Pilate

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

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

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Mark 15:1-5, 15

V. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:

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

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him 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 his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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The Sixth Station: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

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

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

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

John 19:1-3

V. He was wounded for our transgressions

R. **And by his stripes we are healed.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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.**

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The Seventh Station: Jesus Carries His Cross

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

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

When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

John 19:6, 15-17

V. Whoever does not take up their cross and come after me;

R. **Cannot be my disciple.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.**

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The Eighth Station: Jesus is Helped by Simon of Cyrene

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

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

As 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.

Luke 23:26

V. Love one another as I have loved you:

R. **By this will all know that you are my disciples.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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 cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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9

The Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

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

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

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For 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.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Luke 23:27-31

V. Those who sow in tears:

R. **Will reap with songs of joy.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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.**

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10 The Tenth Station: Jesus is Crucified

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

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

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

Mark 15:22-24, 26

V. They pierce my hands and my feet:

R. **They stare and gloat over me.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgement 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 Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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11

The Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises Paradise to the Repentant Thief

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

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

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

Luke 23:39-43

V. I stand at the door and knock:

R. **If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

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.**

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12

The Twelfth Station: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and His Disciples

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

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

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

John 19:25-27

V. Bear one another's burdens,

R. **And you will fulfill the law of Christ.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

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

R. **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, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Luke 23:44-46

V. He humbled himself and became obedient to death:

R. **Even death on a cross.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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.**

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14

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the tomb

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

R. **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 also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and 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.

Matthew 27:57-60

V. You will not abandon me to the grave:

R. **Nor let your Holy One see corruption.**

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

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 for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Concluding Prayers

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

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

V. Savior of the world, by your and precious blood you have redeem us:

R. **Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

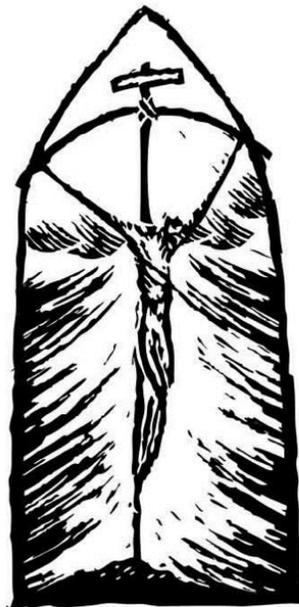
We thank you, heavenly Father, the you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Go in peace.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please leave the online meeting in silence.



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