



**Good Friday—Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM; Friday, April 3rd, 2026**

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The Way of the Cross

Opening Hymn

“Softly And Tenderly”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me.

[Refrain]

Come home, come home, Ye who are weary come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, Mercies for you and for me?

[Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, Coming for you and for me.

[Refrain]

Oh! for the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home,

[Refrain]

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.

All **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.**

Officiant We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

People **In whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.**

Officiant 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.

Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,

that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

Station: Jesus is Betrayed

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

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

Reader While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

Officiant Jesus said, "Friend,

People **"Do what you came here to do."**

Officiant Let us pray: Loving God, we repent of those times we have betrayed your love and presence in our lives. And, we pray, forgive your Church for those times we have used violence and power to impose our will upon others. Heal us, and make us healers; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Jesus is Condemned

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

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

Reader As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to

die.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

Officiant God did not spare his own Son:

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

Officiant 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 daily 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.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Jesus is Mocked

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

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

Reader Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and 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!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Officiant He was despised and rejected by others;

People **a man of sorrows and acquainted with infirmity.**

Officiant Almighty and ever living 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 indignities to his body and suffer death upon the cross. Be with, we pray, all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; and bring the hope of your salvation. Amen.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Jesus is Given His Cross

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

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

Reader 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 God's 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.

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

People **For the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

Officiant 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.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Jesus Falls

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

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

Reader 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 had 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.

Officiant Surely he has born our griefs:

People **And carried our sorrows.**

Officiant 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.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Simon Carries Jesus 'Cross

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

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

Reader 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 it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let them deny themselves and take their cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Officiant Whoever does not bear their own cross and come after me:

People **Cannot be my disciple.**

Officiant Let us pray: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served 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.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Jesus is Stripped

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

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

Reader 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."

Officiant They gave me gall to eat:

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

Officiant 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.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

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

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

Reader 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."

Officiant They pierce my hands and my feet:

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

Officiant 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.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Jesus Dies

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

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

Reader When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished!" And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head, and handed over his spirit.

Officiant Christ for us became obedient unto death:

People **Even death on a cross.**

Officiant Let us pray: O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Station: Jesus is Buried

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

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

Reader 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 from the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

Officiant You will not abandon me to the grave:

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

Officiant 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

People **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed the world:

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

Prayers

All **We thank you, heavenly Father, that 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.**

Officiant And now, 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.

“What Wondrous Love is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM ,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

A word on the Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross...sometimes called the Stations of the Cross...began as a practice in the Holy Land, where in Jerusalem pilgrims retraced Jesus' journey to the cross as told by the gospels. These pilgrims took this practice home with them; and soon people kept the pilgrimage of the Stations in their own hometowns.

Today, we observe them here.

Writing of the Stations, Scott Erickson, the creator of the images we've been viewing, writes "The journey to the cross is not only a meditation of Jesus accomplishing what he came to do—the redemption of humanity through his own willful sacrifice—but it's also a contemplation of Jesus silently participating in some of the worst aspects of being human. We see him being tempted to give up. Being betrayed by a friend. Being convicted in an unjust political system. Physical pain. Mockery. Public humiliation. Broken family relationships. And one of our greatest fears...having to die. These are all aspects of human life that Jesus was not insulated from. In fact on the cross, Jesus quotes King David saying 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'...as if to say "Why is it like this?" He was one who was not separate from our own suffering."

So here, today, we walk to the cross with Jesus, who is not separate from the suffering of the world. We go to the cross. We bring ourselves...our full selves...our fears and concerns, our anxieties and worries, our grief and our pain, our sin and our hopefulness...we bring it all to the foot of the cross, where we are welcomed and gathered in; forgiven and set free; and called and empowered and strengthened and inspired to love, justice, presence, and service.

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