



The Way of the Cross

Good Friday

March 30, 2018



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Note to worshipers: Please observe quietness throughout this service. Choose the times for silent reflection (which serve as transitions between each segment of the service) as times for entering and leaving. The offering plates are at the doorways.

The Way of the Cross

The Way of the Cross is a devotion adapted from a custom observed by Christian pilgrims who said prayers in Jerusalem at a series of places in that city associated with the passion of Jesus.

Traditionally, there have been as many as fourteen stations. Of these, eight are based directly on events of scripture and are included in this rite. Each station includes sentences and responses, scripture verses, a prayer, and a hymn.

Introduction (Noon)

Please stand as the minister enters.

Opening Prayers

L: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

L: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

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

C: in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.

Psalm 88

L: O LORD, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence,

C: let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry.

L: For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.

C: I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; I am like those who have no help,

- L: like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.
- C: You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.**
- L: Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
- C: You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a thing of horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape;**
- L: my eye grows dim through sorrow. Every day I call on you, O LORD; I spread out my hands to you.
- C: Do you work wonders for the dead? Do the shades rise up to praise you?**
- L: Is your steadfast love declared in the grave, or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
- C: Are your wonders known in the darkness, or your saving help in the land of forgetfulness?**
- L: But I, O LORD, cry out to you; in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- C: O LORD, why do you cast me off? Why do you hide your face from me?**
- L: Wretched and close to death from my youth up, I suffer your terrors; I am desperate.
- C: Your wrath has swept over me; your dread assaults destroy me.**
- L: They surround me like a flood all day long; from all sides they close in on me.
- C: You have caused friend and neighbor to shun me; my companions are in darkness.**
- L: Let us pray. Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

Hymn No. 803: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Be seated

Silent Reflection

First Station: Jesus is condemned (12:10 pm)

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading: Luke 22:66–23:25

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Guy S. Edmiston, Trinity Lutheran Church

Please stand

Sung Verse: Were you there when they sentenced him to die?
Were you there when they sentenced him to die?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they sentenced him to die?

L: God did not spare his own Son,

C: but delivered him up for us all.

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of sinners and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

Hymn No. 337: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Be seated

Silent Reflection

Second Station: Jesus takes up the cross (12:30 pm)

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading: Matthew 27:27-33

Reflection

Rev. Seminarian Elizabeth Peter, United Lutheran Seminary

Please stand

Sung Verse: Were you there when his shoulder bore the cross?
Were you there when his shoulder bore the cross?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when his shoulder bore the cross?

L: The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:
C: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

L: 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 forever and ever.

C: Amen

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

Be seated

Special Music: "He's Gone Away"

arr. Daniel Kallman

Kim Hannigan, clarinet

Silent reflection

Third Station: Simon helps Jesus (12:50 pm)

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading: Mark 15:21

Reflection

Rev. John H. Brock, Trinity Lutheran Church

Please stand

Sung Verse: Were you there when Simon held the cross?
Were you there when Simon held the cross?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when Simon held the cross?

L: Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me

C: cannot be my disciple.

L: 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.

C: Amen

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

Be seated

Special music: "Jesus Paid It All/O Sacred Head"
Alison Koch, cello

arr. Brant Adams

Silent reflection

Fourth Station: Jesus greets the women (1:10 pm)

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading: Luke 23:27-31

Reflection Kelly Falck, Director for Faith Formation, Trinity Lutheran Church

Please stand

Sung Verse: Did you weep with the women on the way?
Did you weep with the women on the way?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Did you weep with the women on the way?

L: Those who sowed with tears

C: will reap with songs of joy.

L: Let us pray. Teach your church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

Hymn No. 338: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Be seated

Silent reflection

Fifth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments (1:30 pm)

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading: John 19:23-25

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner, Trinity Lutheran Church

Please stand

Sung Verse: Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?

L: They gave me gall to eat,

C: and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

L: Let us pray. O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

Be seated

Special music: "And No Bird Sang"

Douglas Wagner

Good Friday Ensemble

Silent reflection

Sixth Station: Jesus is crucified (1:50 pm)

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading: Mark 15:25-32

Reflection

Rev. Jennifer A. Hope-Tringali, Trinity Lutheran Church

Please stand

Sung Verse: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

L: They pierce my hands and my feet;

C: they stare and gloat over me.

L: 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.

C: Amen

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

Be seated

Special music: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Good Friday Ensemble

arr. Gary Matheny

Silent reflection

Seventh Station: Jesus dies (2:10 pm)

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading: Matthew 27:45-56

Reflection

Sister Marianne Brock, Lutheran Camping Corporation

Please stand

Sung Verse: Were you there when he died upon the cross?
Were you there when he died upon the cross?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he died upon the cross?

L: Christ for us became obedient unto death,

C: even death on a cross.

L: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; who lives and reigns now and forever.

C: Amen

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

Be seated

Special music: "Thee We Adore"

Theodore Dubois

Good Friday Ensemble

Silent reflection

Eighth Station: Jesus is put in the tomb (2:30 pm)

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

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reading: John 19:38-42

Reflection

Rev. David Schreffler, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lemoyne

Please stand

Sung Verse: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

L: You will not abandon me to the grave,

C: nor let your holy one see corruption.

L: 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.

C: Amen

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C: have mercy and hear us.

Be seated

Special music: "Give Me Jesus"

Mark Hayes

Jerry Seiler, soloist

Conclusion (2:50 pm)

L: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

C: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Lord's Prayer

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Bidding Prayer

L: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for all bishops and denominational leaders, all pastors and church workers, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal 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 especially pray for the congregations who serve Camp Hill and the West Shore. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal 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 faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal 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 in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal 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, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

L: Almighty and eternal 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 ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray.

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 forever.

C: Amen

L: To Christ our Lord who loves us, 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 forever and ever.

C: Amen.