

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, 12:00 PM

THE GATHERING

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

THE GREETING

P Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

We will now dwell in the glory of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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

P 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. **Amen.**

THE SUNG RESPONSE (3x)

Jesus, Remember Me

ELW 616

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THE FIRST STATION — JESUS' AGONY IN THE GARDEN



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane and instructed them to remain with him and keep watch while praying. He began to feel sorrowful and distressed and fell to his knees in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

Silence for reflection.

P Jesus knew agony in the garden,

C yet sought his Father's will before his own.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, your Son called out to you in his time of need, seeking only your will. Grant us your strength and wisdom, that we, too, may strive to follow your will in all things.

C Amen.

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C have mercy on us.

THE SUNG RESPONSE (2x)

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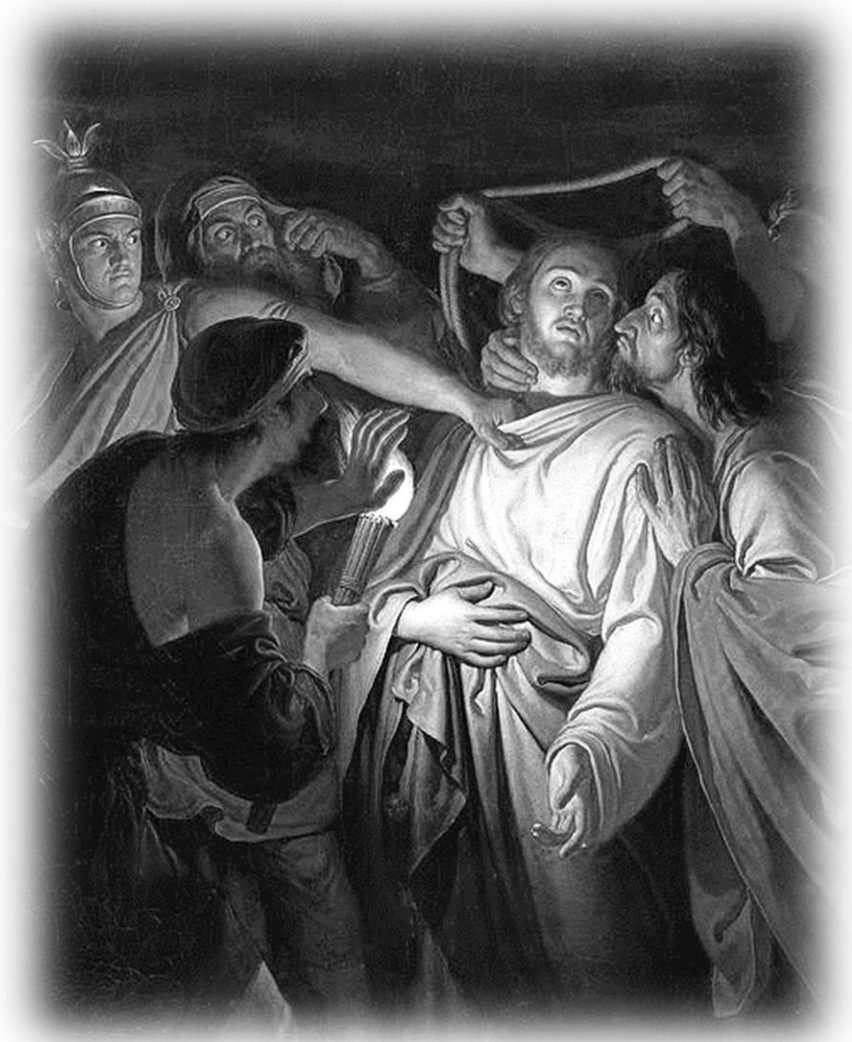
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THE SECOND STATION — JESUS' BETRAYAL AND ARREST



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived where Jesus and the disciples were gathered. He was accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Judas arranged a signal with them, saying, "the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away." He came and immediately went over to Jesus and said, "Rabbi," and he kissed him. At this the crowd laid hands on him and arrested him.

Silence for reflection.

P Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

C Rabbi, Teacher, surely not me...

P Let us pray.

O Lord, your people are held captive to sin, and you are no stranger to betrayal. Grant us courage in our faith, that we may refuse the temptation of evil and live boldly to reflect the good news you bring.

C Amen.

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THE THIRD STATION — JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY THE SANHEDRIN



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P When morning came, the council of elders of the people met—both chief priests and scribes—and they brought Jesus before their Sanhedrin. They said, "Tell us if you are the Messiah," but Jesus replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it from his own mouth." So they bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Silence for reflection.

P The stone that the builders rejected,

C has become the chief cornerstone.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son was rejected and judged unjustly by your people. Grant us your commitment to righteousness, that we may never cease in working to bring about the justice of your kingdom.

C Amen.

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THE FOURTH STATION — PETER'S DENIAL OF JESUS



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard when one of the maids came over to him and said, "You were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again, he denied it. A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them, your accent gives you away." Peter began to curse and swear that he does not know the man—and immediately a cock crowed. He went out and began to weep bitterly.

Silence for reflection.

P Before the cock crows,

C you will deny me three times.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, how often do we falter and turn away from you. Grant us the virtue of honesty, so we may not fear to speak the truth even when it is difficult.

C Amen.

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THE FIFTH STATION — JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY PILATE



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P Jesus was handed over to Pilate by the Sanhedrin, who accused him of many things. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" and Jesus replied, "You say so." Again, Pilate questioned him, but Jesus gave no further answer. Therefore, Pilate asked the crowd, "What do you wish me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released the criminal Barabbas and handed Jesus over to be crucified.

Silence for reflection.

P God did not spare his own Son,

C but delivered him up for all.

P Let us pray.

O God, your Son was humiliated and rejected, abandoned by the very people he came to save. Grant us the faith and wisdom to recognize Jesus as our savior, who you sent to redeem the world.

C Amen.

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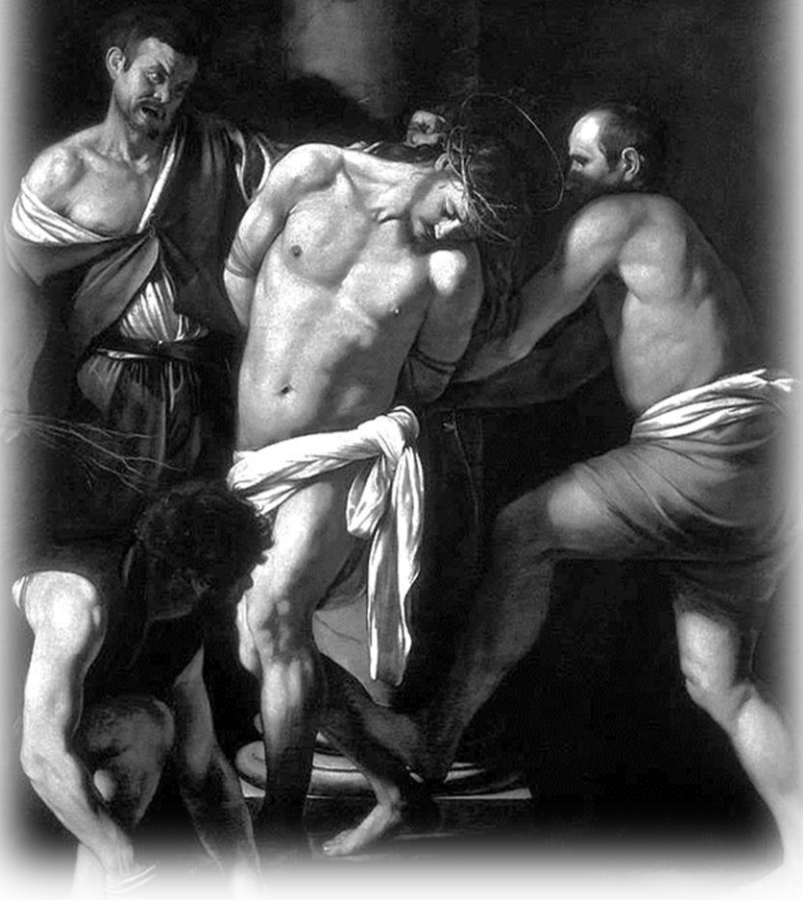
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THE SIXTH STATION — JESUS IS SCOURGED AND CROWNED WITH THORNS



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P Pilate took Jesus and had him whipped. The soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak. They came to him and said, "Hail, the King of the Jews!" and then struck him repeatedly.

Silence for reflection.

P He was oppressed and tormented,

C yet he did not open his mouth.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of sinners and willingly endured their violent attacks. Give us the same patience during our times of suffering, knowing that Christ understands and bears our wounds.

C Amen.

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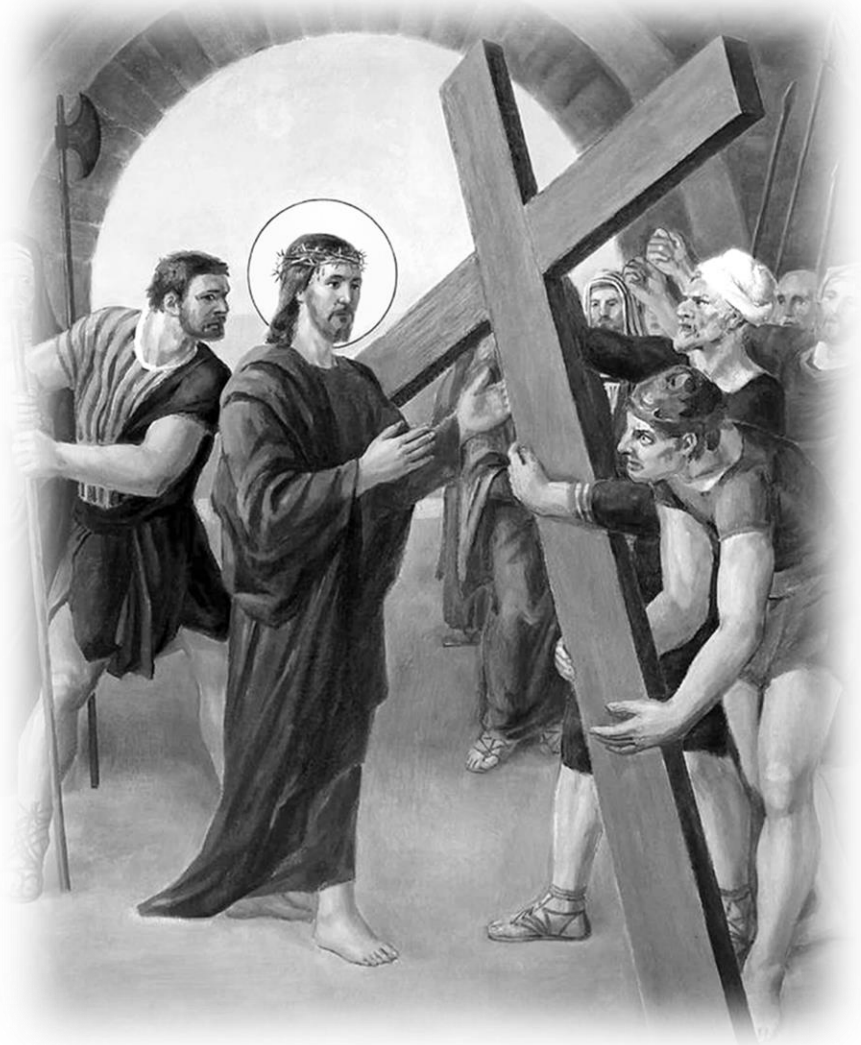
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THE SEVENTH STATION — JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. Although he was God's Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 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. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and blessing.

Silence for reflection.

P The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all,

C for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

P 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 each day and faithfully follow him.

C Amen.

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**THE EIGHTH STATION — THE CROSS IS LAID ON
SIMON OF CYRENE**



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P As they led Jesus 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. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Silence for reflection.

P Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me,

C cannot be my disciple.

P 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.

C Amen.

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**THE NINTH STATION — JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN
OF JERUSALEM**



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P A great number of the people followed Jesus, and among them were women who were waiting 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."

Silence for reflection.

P Those who sowed with tears,

C will reap with songs of joy.

P 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. Grant us gentle spirits and repentant hearts.

C Amen.

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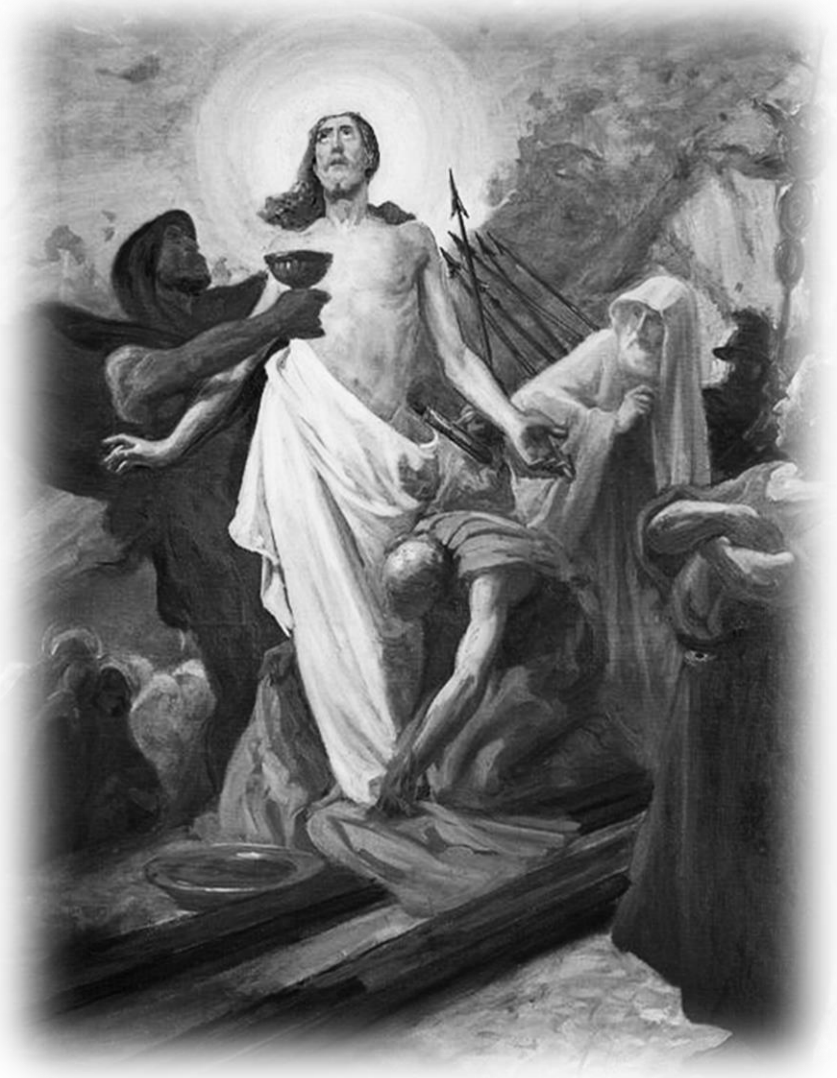
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THE TENTH STATION — JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P When they came to a place called Golgotha, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. To fulfill what the scripture had said, the soldiers divided his garments among them by casting lots.

Silence for reflection.

P They gave me gall to eat,

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

P 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.

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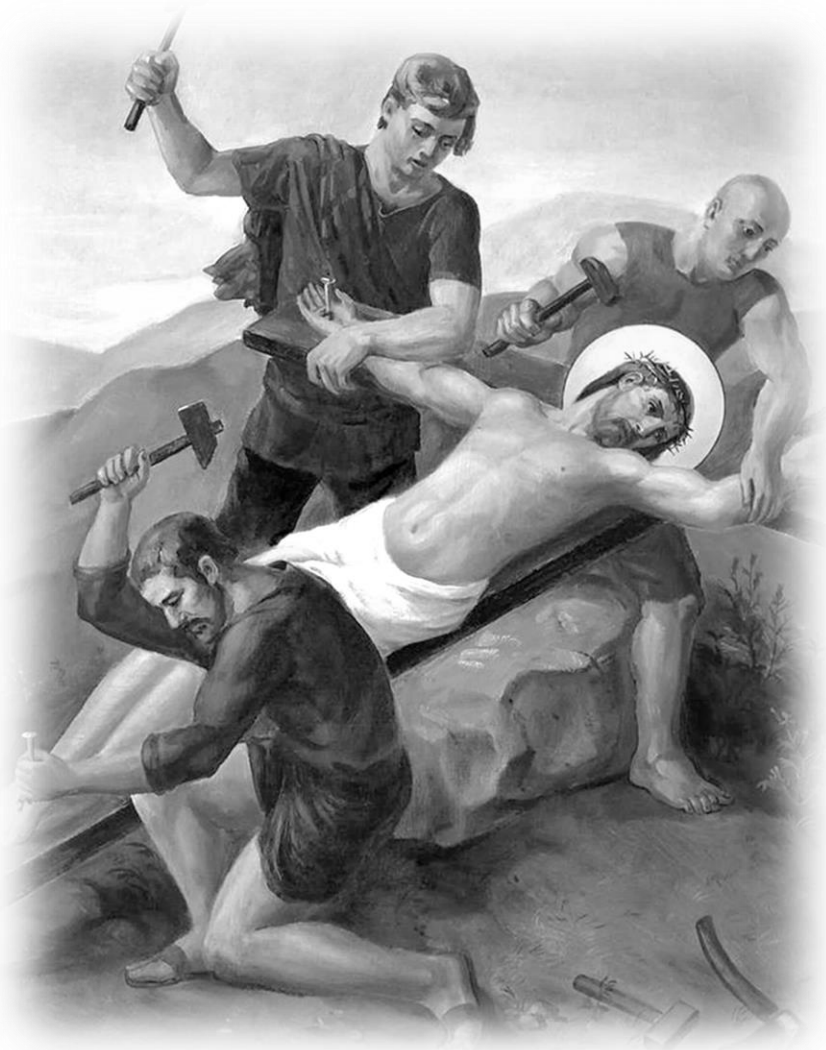
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THE ELEVENTH STATION — JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Jesus; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, and one on the left. He poured out himself to death, and he bore the sins of many.

Silence for reflection.

P They pierce my hands and my feet;

C they stare and gloat over me.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. Clothe us in your Spirit so that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you into the knowledge of your love.

C Amen.

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**THE TWELFTH STATION — JESUS PROMISES THE KINGDOM TO
THE PENITENT THIEF**



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P One of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuked him and said in reply, "Have you no fear of God? We have been condemned justly, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Silence for reflection.

P Therefore, repent and turn to God,

C so that your sins may be wiped away.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, we continually sin and stray from you; however, you meet our unfaithfulness with your grace. Like the penitent thief, help us turn our hearts toward you, confessing the wrongs we commit and asking for forgiveness. Through your mercy, grant us the perseverance to never stop seeking you, trusting in your abundant mercy.

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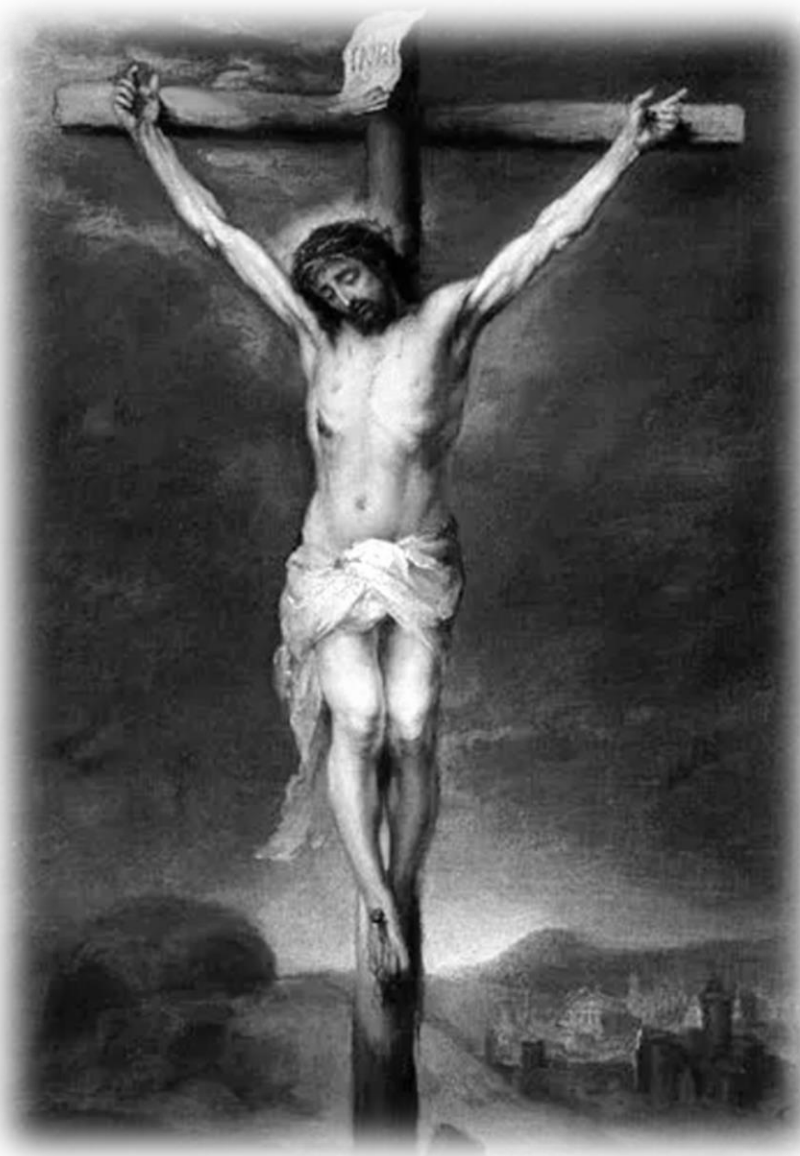
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THE THIRTEENTH STATION — JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Silence for reflection.

P For us, Christ became obedient unto death,

C even death on a cross.

P 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 new life.

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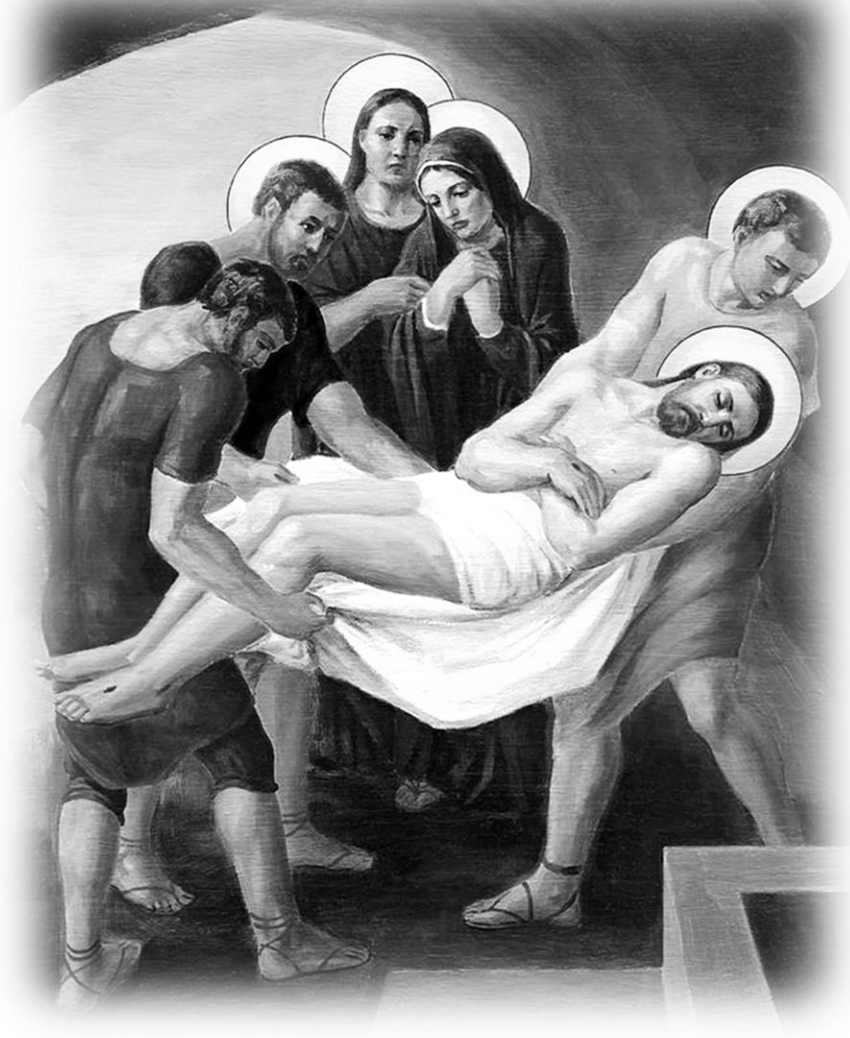
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THE FOURTEENTH STATION — JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB



P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P 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 Jesus' body. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 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 departed.

Silence for reflection.

P You will not abandon me to the grave,

C nor let your holy one see corruption.

P 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 with you, forever and ever.

C Amen.

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THE SOLEMN REPROACHES

Refrain

ELW 161

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ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

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O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way. I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Refrain

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit. I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink. I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Refrain

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but
you opened my side with a spear. I washed your feet as a sign of my
love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Refrain

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a
cross. I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but
you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you?
Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I
was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe
me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared
a cross for your Savior.

Refrain

THE SENDING

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

P 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. 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.

P To Christ our Lord who loves us, washed us in his own blood, and
united us as his body to serve his God and Father, to him be all
glory and dominion forever and ever.

C Amen.



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



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that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

The assembly departs in silence.

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