



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

## Stations of the Cross

Welcome to St. Peter's and this service of Stations of the Cross. The practice of pilgrims to the Holy Land following the Way of Sorrows from the house of Pilate to the Holy Sepulcher was the origin of this devotion, which became widespread in the later Middle Ages, although it was not completely formalized until the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Stations of the Cross is a popular and appropriate devotion during Lent and Holy Week. The eight stations in this service are based directly upon events recorded in the Gospels. As is traditional, stanzas of the 13<sup>th</sup> century hymn Stabat Mater are sung between the stations.

*The People stand as the Officiant enters.*

### Preparation

*Officiant* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
*People* Amen.

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Our Father,  
*All* 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. Amen.



# I.

## Jesus is Condemned to Death

*Officiant* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

*People* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

And straightaway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then delivered he him unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus and led him away.

*Officiant* God spared not his own Son:

*People* But delivered him up for us all.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O, that blessèd one, grief-laden,  
blessèd Mother, blessèd Maiden,  
Mother of the holy One;  
O that silent, ceaseless mourning,  
O those dim eyes, never turning  
from that wondrous, suffering Son.

## II.

# Jesus Takes up His Cross

*Officiant* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

*People* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha. Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered. He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

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

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

With what pain and desolation,  
with what grief and resignation,  
Mary watched her dying Son.  
Deep the woe of her affliction,  
when she saw the crucifixion  
of the sole-begotten one.

### III.

## The Cross is Laid upon Simon of Cyrene

*Officiant* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

*People* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden light.

*Officiant* Whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me:

*People* Cannot be my disciple.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did overcome death for our salvation: Mercifully grant that we who have his glorious passion in remembrance may take up our cross daily and follow him; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Him she saw for our salvation  
mocked with cruel acclamation,  
scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined;  
saw him then from judgment taken,  
and in death by all forsaken,  
till his spirit he resigned.

## IV.

### Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

*Officiant* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

*People* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

And there followed him a great company of people, and of women which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.”

*Officiant* They that sow in tears:

*People* Shall reap in joy.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Who, on Christ's dear Mother gazing,  
pierced by anguish so amazing,  
born of woman, would not weep?  
Who, on Christ's dear Mother thinking,  
such a cup of sorrow drinking,  
would not share her sorrows deep?

## V.

### Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

*Officiant* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

*People* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, place of a skull, they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, “They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.”

*Officiant* They gave me gall to eat:

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O Lord God, whose blessed Son, our Savior, gave his back to the smiters and bid not his face from shame: Grant us grace to take joyfully the sufferings of the present time, in full assurance of the glory that shall be revealed; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For his people’s sins, in anguish,  
there she saw the victim languish,  
bleed in torments, bleed and die.  
Saw the Lord’s anointed taken,  
saw her Child in death forsaken,  
heard his last expiring cry.

## VI.

# Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

*Officiant* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

*People* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him. And with him they crucified two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, “And he was numbered with the transgressors.” O my people, what have I done unto thee? I did raise thee on high with great power: and thou hast hanged me upon the gibbet of the Cross.

*Officiant* I, if I be lifted up:

*People* Will draw all men unto me.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, who by the passion of thy blessed Son hast made the instrument of shameful death to be unto us the means of life and peace: Grant us so to glory in the Cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss; for the sake of the same thy Son our Lord. **Amen.**

In the passion of my Maker,  
be my sinful soul partaker,  
    may I bear with her my part;  
of his passion bear the token,  
in a spirit bowed and broken  
    bear his death within my heart.

## VII.

### Jesus Dies on the Cross

*Officiant* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

*People* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, “Woman, behold thy son!” Then saith he to the disciple, “Behold thy mother!” When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished.” And when he had cried with a loud voice, he said, “Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.” And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

*All kneel, as able. Then may be said the Lord’s Prayer and the Hail Mary silently, after which all rise.*

*Officiant* Christ for our sake became obedient unto death:

*People* Even the death of the Cross.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy; Grant us so to die daily from sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus, may her deep devotion  
stir in me the same emotion,  
Fount of love, Redeemer kind;  
that my heart fresh ardor gaining,  
and a purer love attaining,  
may with thee acceptance find.

## VIII.

### Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

*Officiant* We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee,

*People* Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple; he went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

*Officiant* Thou shalt not leave my soul in hell:

*People* Neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affection we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus, may thy cross defend me,  
and thy saving death befriend me,  
cherished by thy deathless grace:  
when to dust my dust returneth,  
grant a soul that to thee yearneth  
in thy paradise a place.

## Concluding Prayers before the Altar

*Officiant* O Savior of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

**Holy Saturday, April 4**

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Day

**Easter Day, April 5**

6:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Sunrise (Laird Garden)

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



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