

Friday, April 2, 2021– Christ`s Church Cathedral

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS
FOR
GOOD FRIDAY**

The devotion known as the Way of the Cross is an adaptation to local usage of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death. The number of stations are based directly on events recorded in the Gospels and as well on inferences from the Gospel account or from pious legend. Traditionally, the stations are made before a series of plain wooden crosses placed along the walls of the church or in some other convenient place. With each cross there is sometimes associated a pictorial representation of the and forms event being commemorated.

The hymn Stabat Mater has frequently been associated with this service, and here is represented both as a hymn and in a two voice setting by the Italian early Baroque composer, Pergoleisi. Other instrumental moments seek to capture the drama and imagery of the readings

Cantors and Lectors Jeni Darling, Sue Crowe-Connolly

Animator: Michael Bloss

Organ: Aus tiefer Not (From the depths I cry) BWV 687

J.S. Bach

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Holy and immortal God, who gives life to the seed: grant that we who follow the way of Christ may die to all that separates us from you, so that we may bear fruit for eternal life and dwell with Christ in his glory.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.



At the cross her sta - tion keep - ing stood the mourn - ful
for her soul of joy be - rea - ved bowed with an - guish



Mo - ther weep - ing, where he hung the dy - ing Lord.
deep - ly griev - ed, felt the sharp and pier - cing sword.

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.**

FIRST STATION - JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross



that the whole world may come with - in your reach.

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



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.

ORGAN: Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig

J.S. Bach

V. God did not spare his own Son:
R. But delivered him up for us all.

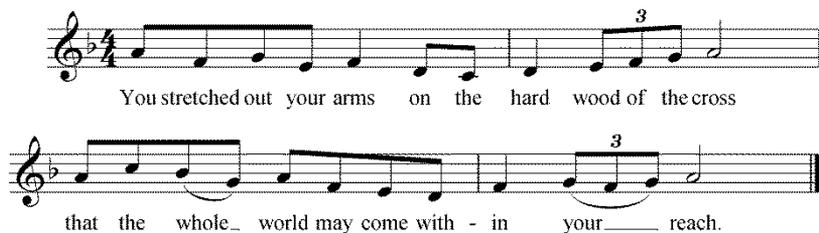
Let us pray. (Silence)

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.**

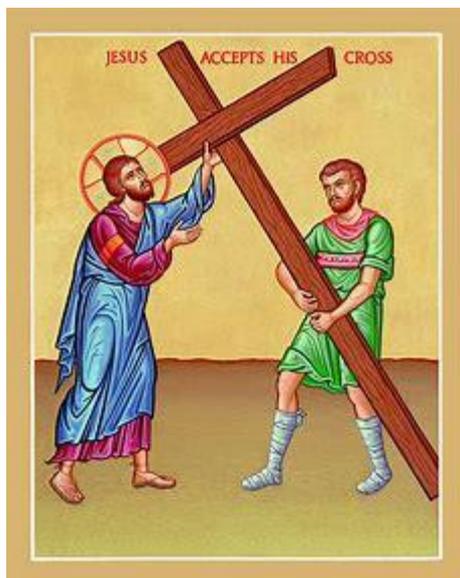


Sure - ly he has borne our griefs; he has car - ried our sor - rows.

SECOND STATION - JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross
that the whole world may come with - in your reach.



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 a 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 honour and glory and blessing.

DUO: from Stabat Mater

G.B. Pergoleisi

*O quam tristis et afflicta
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater unigeniti!*

*Oh how sad and sore distressed
was that mother highly blessed,
of the sole-begotten One!*

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

R. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

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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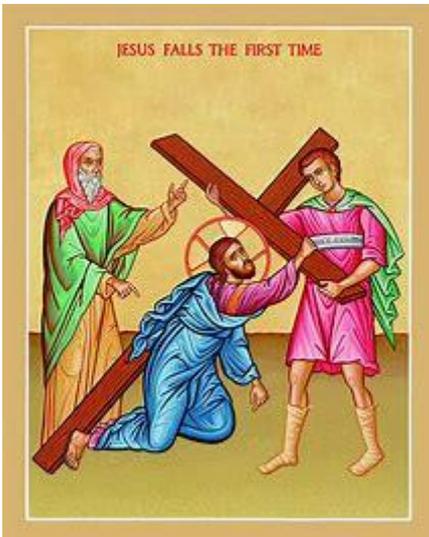
THIRD STATION - JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross

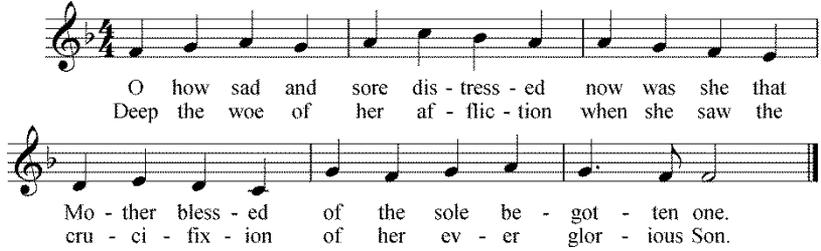


that the whole world may come with - in your reach.



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 has 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.

HYMN:



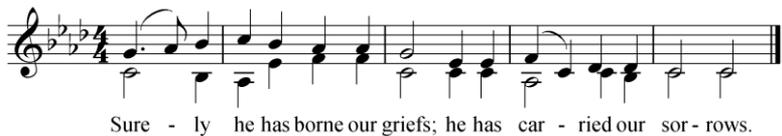
O how sad and sore dis-tress-ed now was she that
Deep the woe of her af-flic-tion when she saw the
Mo-ther bless-ed of the sole be-got-ten one.
cru-ci-fix-ion of her ev-er glor-ious Son.

V. Surely he has borne our griefs:

R. And carried our sorrows.

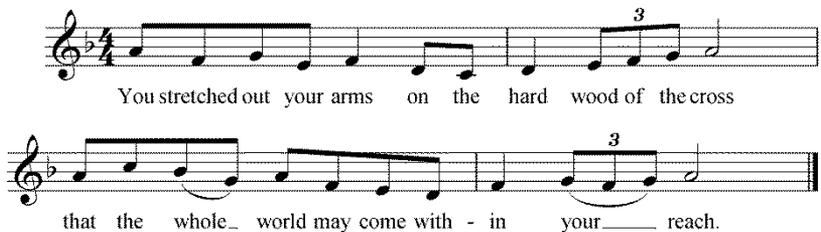
Let us pray. (Silence)

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

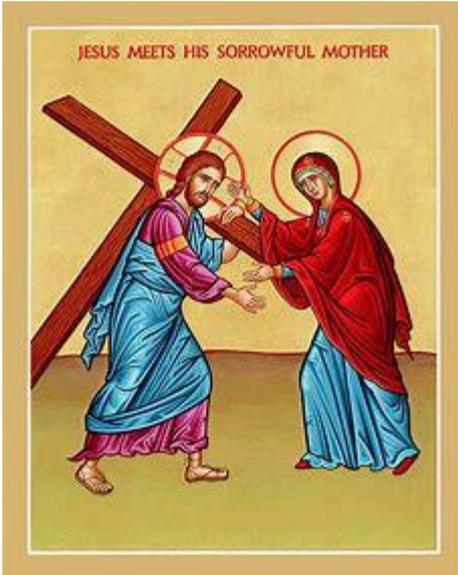


Sure-ly he has borne our griefs; he has car-ried our sor-rows.

FOURTH STATION - JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross
that the whole world may come with-in your reach.



To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

ORGAN: Antiphon II

Marcel Dupré

His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me.

V. A sword will pierce your own soul also:

R. And fill your heart with bitter pain.

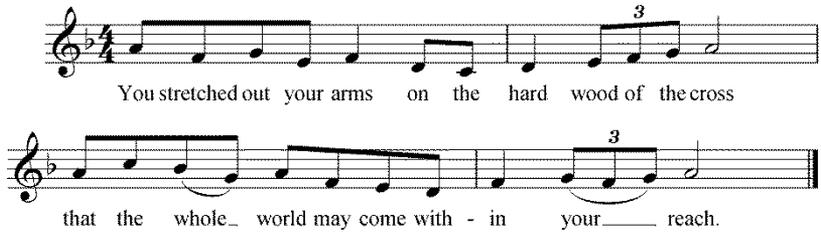
Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Sure - ly he has borne our griefs; he has car - ried our sor - rows.

FIFTH STATION - A WOMAN WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross
that the whole world may come with - in your reach.



We have seen him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of men. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

DUO: from Stabat Mater

G.B. Pergoleisi

*Stabat Mater dolorosa
Iuxta crucem lacrimosa
Dum pendebat Filius.*

*At the cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last*

V. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:

R. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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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SIXTH STATION - JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross

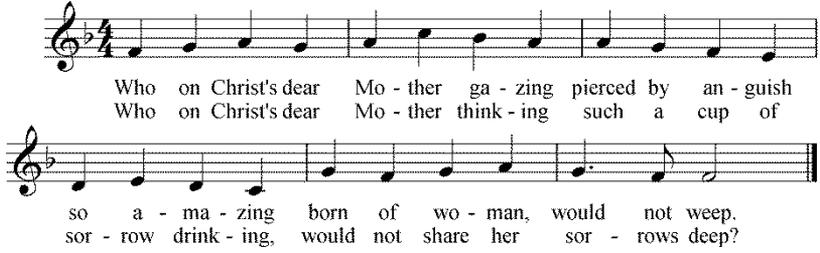


that the whole world may come with - in your reach.



Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

HYMN



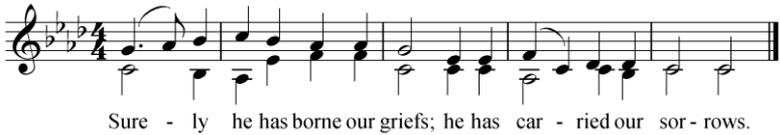
Who on Christ's dear Mo - ther ga - zing pierced by an - guish
Who on Christ's dear Mo - ther think - ing such a cup of
so a - ma - zing born of wo - man, would not weep,
sor - row drink - ing, would not share her sor - rows deep?

V. But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

R. Scorned by all and despised by the people.

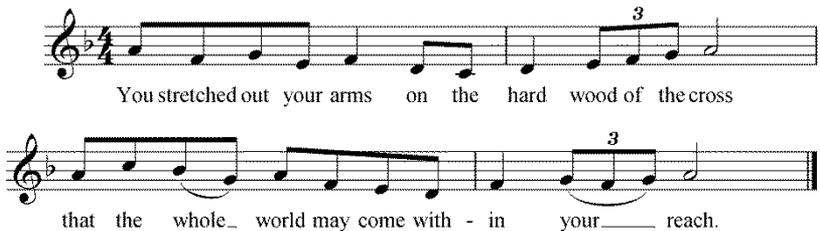
Let us pray. (Silence)

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.**

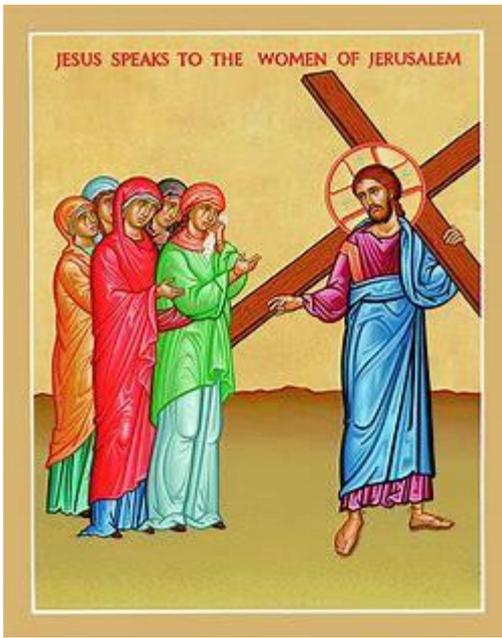


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SEVENTH STATION - JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross
that the whole world may come with - in your reach.



There followed after Jesus a great multitude of the people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

PIANO: First movement from the “Moonlight” Sonata L. van Beethoven

V. Those who sowed with tears:
R. Will reap with songs of joy.

Let us pray. (Silence)

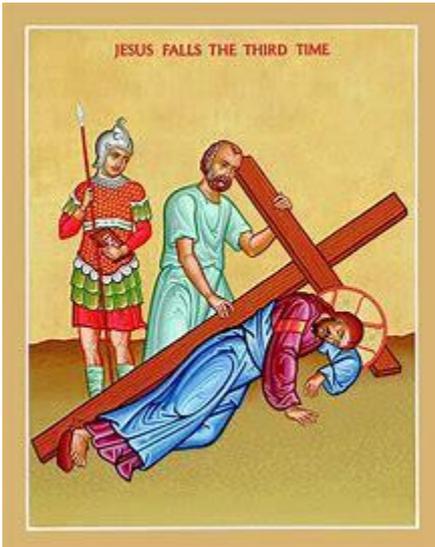
Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children’s children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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EIGHTH STATION - JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross
 that the whole world may come with - in your reach.



I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged me and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes. "Remember, O Lord, my affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!"

HYMN:

For his peo - ple's sins chas - tis - ed she be - held her
 saw him then from judg - ment ta - ken and in death by
 Son des - pis - ed scourged and crowned with thorns en - twined.
 all for - sa - ken till his spi - rit he re - signed.

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.**

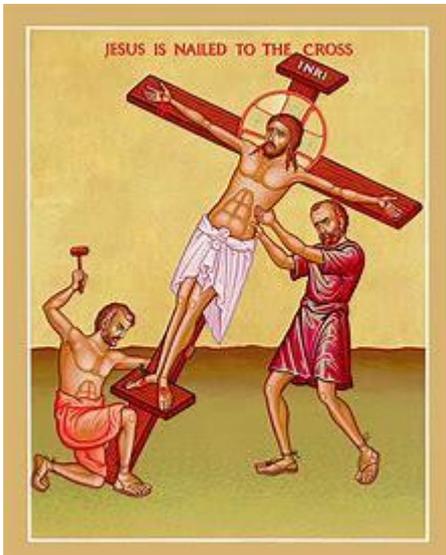
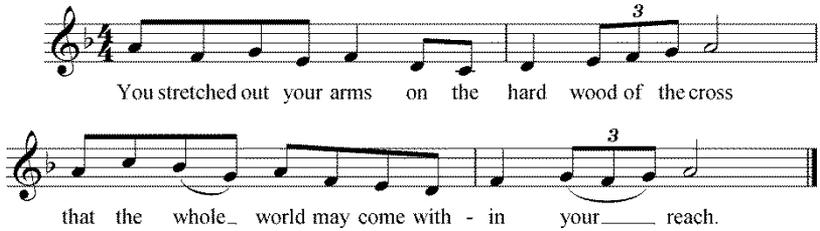
Let us pray. (Silence)

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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NINTH STATION - JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



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."

DUO: from Stabat Mater

G.B. Pergoleisi

*Sancta Mater, istud agas,
Crucifixi fige plagas
Cordi meo valide.*

*Holy Mother! pierce me through;
In my heart each wound renew
Of my Saviour crucified*

V. They pierce my hands and my feet:
R. They stare and gloat over me.

Let us pray. (Silence)

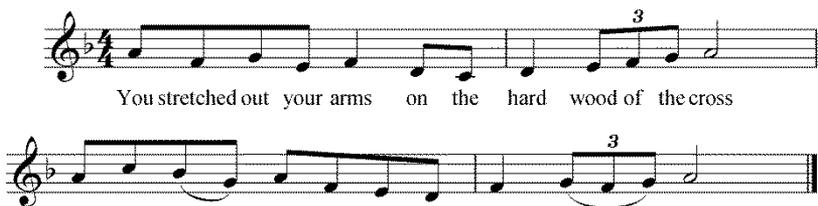
Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

Amen.

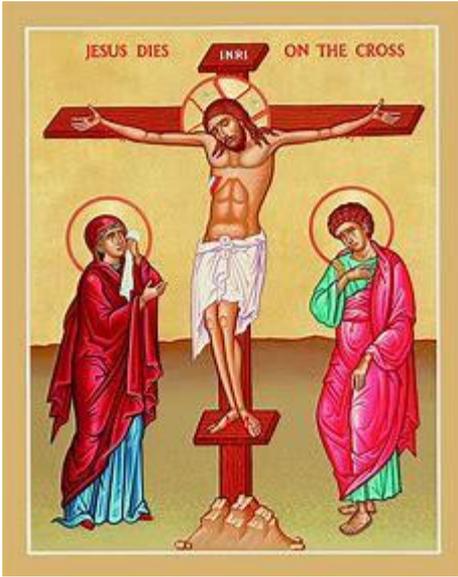


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TENTH STATION - JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross
that the whole world may come with - in your reach.



Then 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.

ORGAN: Herzlich tut mich verlangen Op. 122 No.10

J. Brahms

V. Christ for us became obedient unto death:

R. Even death on a cross.

Let us pray. (Silence)

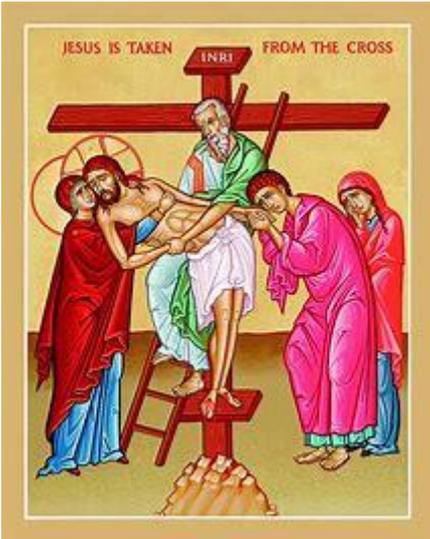
O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**



Sure - ly he has borne our griefs; he has car - ried our sor - rows.

ELEVENTH STATION – JESUS IS TAKEN FROM THE CROSS

You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross
 that the whole world may come with - in your reach.



All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. “Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me.”

HYMN:

O good Je - su let me bor - row some-thing of thy
 that my heart fresh ar - dour gain - ing and a pur - er
 Mo - ther's sor - row found of love Re - deem - er kind
 love at - tain - ing may with thee ac - cep - tance find.

V. Her tears run down her cheeks:

R. And she has none to comfort her.

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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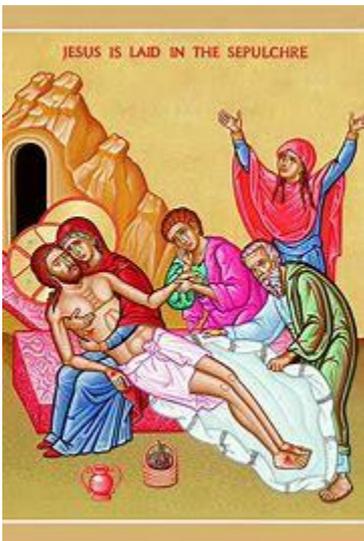
TWELFTH STATION - JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB



You stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross



that the whole world may come with - in your reach.

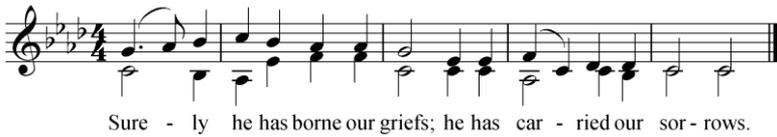


When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

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.**



CONCLUDING PRAYERS

Saviour of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Let us pray. (Silence)

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.**

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.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021

EVENING PRAYER
EASTER EVE

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