

ABOUT THE SERVICE

There is an old legend that says, after the death and resurrection of Jesus, his mother Mary would often walk the way her son had walked on the journey to the cross, pausing here and there to recall that something that had happened on that spot.

The Stations of the Cross are:

- Artistic depictions of Jesus' walk to the cross.
- Begins with Pilate condemning Jesus to die and traditionally ends with the placement of Jesus' body in the tomb.
- Some walk seven stations.
- Other walks may have as many as thirty.

As Christian pilgrims traveled to Jerusalem, the faithful travelled along the Via Dolorosa, a processional route believed to be where Jesus took his last steps.

We have the diary of Egeria who traveled to Jerusalem 380AD.

- Some think she is a nun
- Her diary is addressed to "dear ladies"
- A significant portion of the diary is a detailed account of the liturgical services and observances of the church calendar in Jerusalem.
- The liturgical year was just coming together at the time of her visit, some suggest under the leadership of Bishop Cyril.
- She describes the palm procession on Palm Sunday and the practice of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

When pilgrims returned home:

- They wanted to replicate the walk for those in their communities
- Artistic interpretations were created.
- Artistic interpretations of Jesus' walk are placed in sequence.
- The faithful move from picture to picture, stopping to pray, meditate and contemplate the suffering of Jesus.

As time went on, other stations were added that found no basis in scripture

- Falls of Jesus
- The meeting with Mary
- Legend of Veronica's veil

These stations are the

- 14 scriptural Stations of the Cross
- Pope John Paul II introduced on Good Friday in 1991

PREPARATION

Presider O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; through your love and desire, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by you through whom all things were made; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People sing the Movement Chant preparing for the first station.

Movement Chant

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Taize Community

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: A WALK WITH JESUS

Station 1 & 2: Jesus in the Garden, betrayed by Judas (MT 26:36-41 / MK 14:43-46)

read and colored by Heather Torgler

Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.” And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, “God, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.” Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now Judas had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

Silence

Intercessor Let us pray for all who feel betrayed or abandoned by God or God’s people;

We pray for those who feel sad or who believe their friends have betrayed them.

We pray for those who feel lonely and believe their prayers are not answered.

We ask that, in the midst of trouble and through the grace of God, we may seek forgiveness, reconciliation and hope.

Silence

Presider God, remember kindness when we betray the good you teach us; Remind us of who we are and who we are called to be. Restore in us the hope of salvation and make us ambassadors of peace all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

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Stations 3 & 4: Jesus is tried and denied by Peter (LK 22:66-71 & MT 26:66-71)

read by Jon Mills colored by Grace and Cindy Mayer

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Jesus to their council. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." Jesus replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Silence

Intercessor Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them;

We pray for our President, the Congress and the Supreme Court.

We ask for fairness and justice to guide the members and representatives of the United Nations.

We pray for all who have been elected to serve the people including our governor, mayor and officials who keep our neighborhoods safe.

That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Silence

Presider God, kindle in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your hope for humankind may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Station 5 & 6: Jesus is judged by Pilate, scourged and crowned with thorns (MK 15:1-15, 15 & JN 19:1-3)

read by Nancy Nix colored by Libby Richmond

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the

King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.

Silence

Intercessor God, we pray for your spirit to guide our hearts and minds to seek your justice in the world.

We pray for all who seek faith in action hoping to transform lives and make your love known in the world.

We pray for victims of violence and for sensible gun laws.

We pray for all who have been made fun of, ridiculed, or made fun of because of who they are.

May they remember you created them in their times of turmoil and trouble.

Silence

Presider O God, your mercy is everlasting. Even the worst offense is wiped away and we are renewed again according to your loving kindness. May we strive to be better; that we open our hearts to the failings of our life, and while seeking forgiveness, rely on you to give us hope. **Amen.**

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Station 7 & 8: Jesus bears the cross and is helped by Simon the Cyrenian (JN 19:6, 15-17 & MK 15:21)

read by Jody Collins colored by Erin and Natalie Collins

Jesus; carrying the cross by himself, headed out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

Silence

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church of Christ throughout the world;

We pray that the Church is a beacon of light, hope and love, representing the love of Christ to all people in all conditions.

We pray for the people of All Saints, those that are here and for those that have yet to walk through our doors.

We hope to answer the call to act now in love and to create community in a complicated world.

That God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

Silence

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

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Station 9 & 10: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem and is crucified (LK 23:27-31 & LK 23:33-34)

read by Lynn Lanese Colored by Natalie, Johnny, and Karen DeToro

A great number of the people followed Jesus. Among them were women who were crying and wailing for him. Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are those who weep long for love and life and for the children of God and yet feel this has been denied them.’ In grief, they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with two criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

As the people mocked him, Jesus said, “God, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Silence

Intercessor Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or mind or spirit.

For the hungry and the homeless, the poor and the oppressed.

For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled.

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish.

For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair.

For the sorrowful and bereaved.

For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger.

That God in God’s mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of God’s love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Silence

Presider Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those

in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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Station 11 & 12: Jesus speaks to the good thief, his mother and the disciples (LK 23:39-43 & JN 19:25-27)

read by Arlene Page colored by Mary Torgler

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept making fun of Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

But the other rebuked that thief, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man Jesus has done nothing wrong.” Then the thief said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, his mother’s sister, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into their own home.

Silence

Intercessor Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation.

For those who have lost their faith.

For those hardened by sin or indifference.

For the contemptuous and the scornful.

For those who are enemies of Christ and persecutors of his disciples.

For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others.

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

Presider Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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Station 13 & 14: Jesus dies on the cross and is placed in the tomb (LK 23:44-46 & MT 27:57-60)

read by Jane Schenk Colored by visitors to Kevin's office

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. The sun's light failed and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Having said this, he breathed his last.

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 the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So 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 went away.

Silence

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, now naming them aloud or praying for them silently in our hearts.

The Ministers and People may name aloud those who have died.

Silence

Intercessor Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

Silence

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Station 15: The resurrection of Jesus (MK 16:1-6)

read by Jeff DeToro colored by Vicky Syren

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already

been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

Silence

As the People sing the Movement Chant, they move towards the altar's wooden cross and gather around, preparing to venerate.

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THE CLOSING COLLECT

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Leading the service:

Presider: The Rev. Kevin M. Goodman

Intercessor: Vicky Syren

Musician: Mara Leonard

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