

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Good Friday

March 29, 2024

Following the Good Friday Noon Service



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate
The Reverend Bradley Sullivan, Vicar of Lord of the Streets

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***Making God's Presence Real
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

LAY MINISTERS SERVING TODAY

Verger: Ron Mailloux

Guest Musician: Bernini Chan, violin

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The carrying of the cross will be shared among volunteers.

Please gather at the chancel steps for the beginning of the service.

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Officiant: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: LORD have mercy.

People: **Christ have mercy.**

Officiant: LORD have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**

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

People: **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

Officiant: 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.

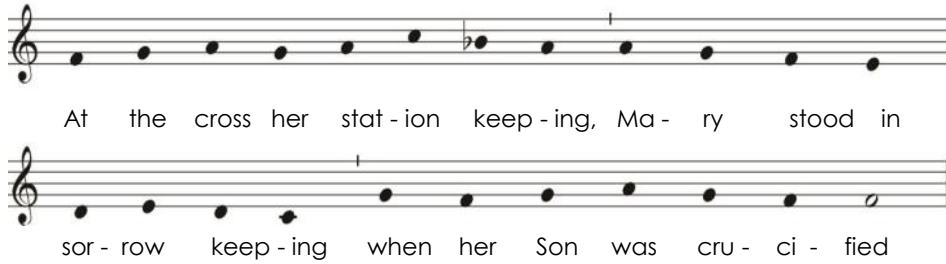
People: **Amen.**

The procession moves to the First Station.

THE FIRST STATION

JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Hymn: verse 1



At the cross her stat - ion keep - ing, Ma - ry stood in
sor - row keep - ing when her Son was cru - ci - fied

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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.

Officiant: GOD did not spare his own Son:

People: **But delivered him up for us all.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**


People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Second Station.

THE SECOND STATION

JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

Hymn: verse 2



While she wait - ed in her ang - uish see - ing Christ in
tor - ment lang - uish, bit - ter sor - row pierced her heart.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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 honor and glory and blessing.

Officiant: The LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

People: **For the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

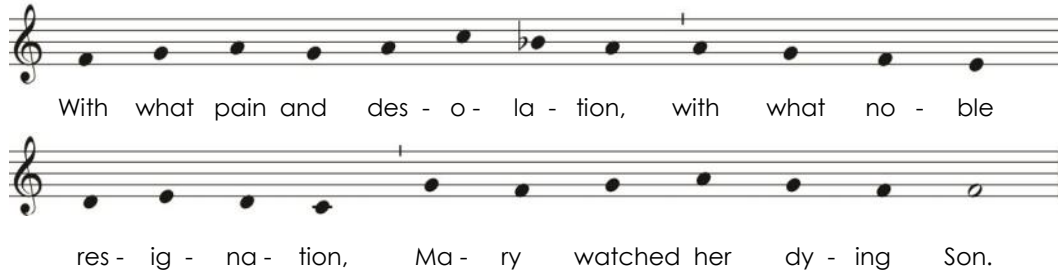
People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Third Station.

THE THIRD STATION

JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Hymn: verse 3



With what pain and des - o - la - tion, with what no - ble
res - ig - na - tion, Ma - ry watched her dy - ing Son.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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.

Officiant: Surely he has borne our griefs:

People: **And carried our sorrows.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

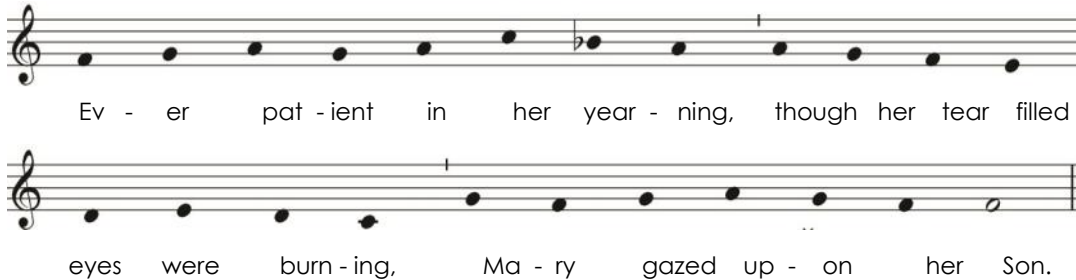
People: **Amen.**

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Fourth Station.

THE FOURTH STATION
JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER

Hymn: verse 4



Ev - er pat - ient in her year - ning, though her tear filled
eyes were burn - ing, Ma - ry gazed up - on her Son.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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.

Officiant: A sword will pierce your own soul also:

People: **And fill your heart with bitter pain.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

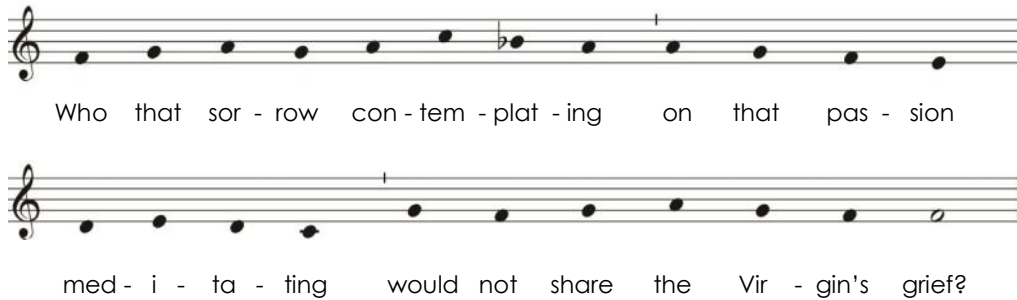
People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Fifth Station.

THE FIFTH STATION

THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

Hymn: verse 5



Who that sor - row con - tem - plat - ing on that pas - sion
med - i - ta - ting would not share the Vir - gin's grief?

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Officiant: Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:

People: **Cannot be my disciple.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: Let us pray. *(silence)*

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.

People: **Amen.**

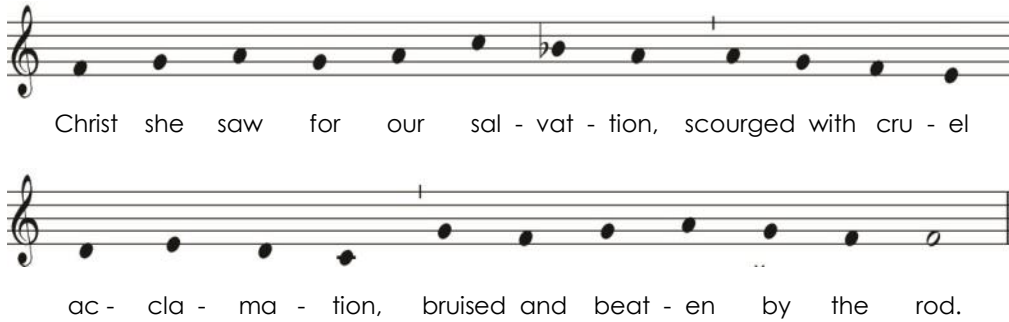
People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Sixth Station.

THE SIXTH STATION

A WOMAN WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Hymn: verse 6



Christ she saw for our sal - vat - tion, scourged with cru - el
ac - cla - ma - tion, bruised and beat - en by the rod.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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.

Officiant: Restore us, O LORD GOD of hosts:

People: **Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

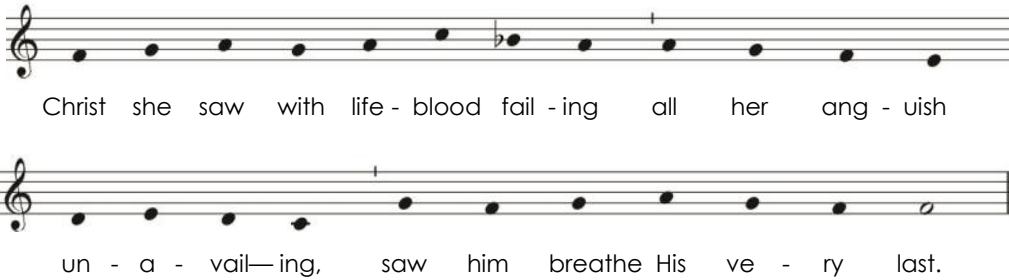
People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Seventh Station.

THE SEVENTH STATION

JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

Hymn: verse 7



Christ she saw with life - blood fail - ing all her ang - uish
un - a -vail—ing, saw him breathe His ve - ry last.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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.

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

People: **Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

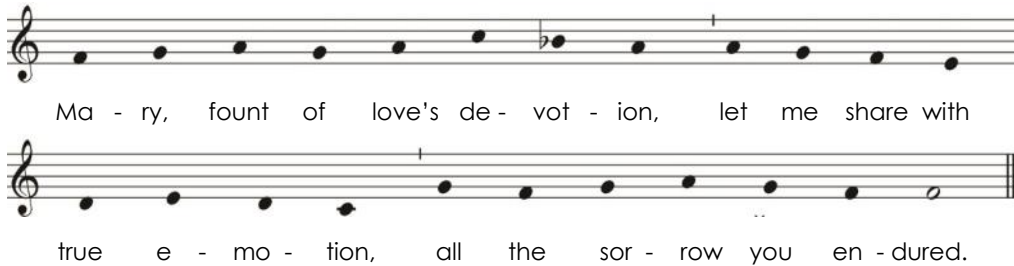
People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Eighth Station.

THE EIGHTH STATION

JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Hymn: verse 8



Ma - ry, fount of love's de - vot - ion, let me share with
true e - mo - tion, all the sor - row you en - dured.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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."

Officiant: Those who sowed with tears:

People: **Will reap with songs of joy.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Ninth Station.

THE NINTH STATION

JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

Hymn: verse 9



Vir - gin ev - er in - ter - ced - ing, hear me in my
fer - vent Plea - ding: Fire me with your love of Christ.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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!"

Officiant: He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:

People: **And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

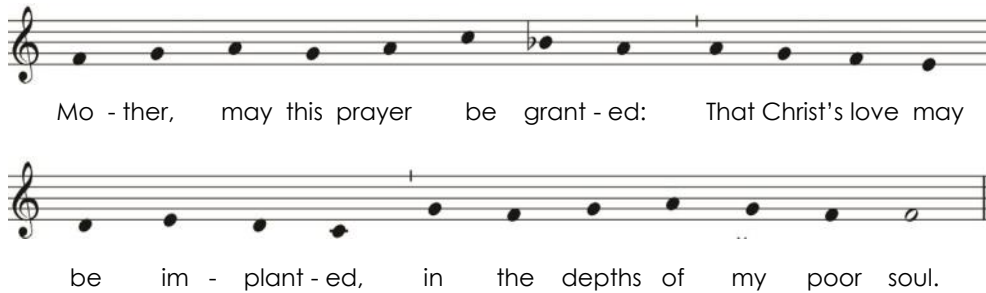
People: **Amen.**

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Tenth Station.

THE TENTH STATION
JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Hymn: verse 10



Mo - ther, may this prayer be grant - ed: That Christ's love may
be im - plant - ed, in the depths of my poor soul.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

Officiant: They gave me gall to eat:

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

A COLLECT

Officiant: Let us pray. *(silence)*

LORD GOD, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

People: **Amen.**

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Eleventh Station.

THE ELEVENTH STATION
JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Hymn: verse 11



At the cross, your sor - row shar - ing, all your grief and



tor - ment bear - ing, let me stand and mourn with you.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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."

Officiant: They pierce my hands and my feet:

People: **They stare and gloat over me.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Twelfth Station.

THE TWELFTH STATION

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Hymn: verse 12



Fair - est maid of all cre - a - tion, queen of hope and



con - so - la - tion, let me feel your grief sub - lime.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When 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.

Silence

Officiant: Christ for us became obedient unto death:

People: **Even death on a cross.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

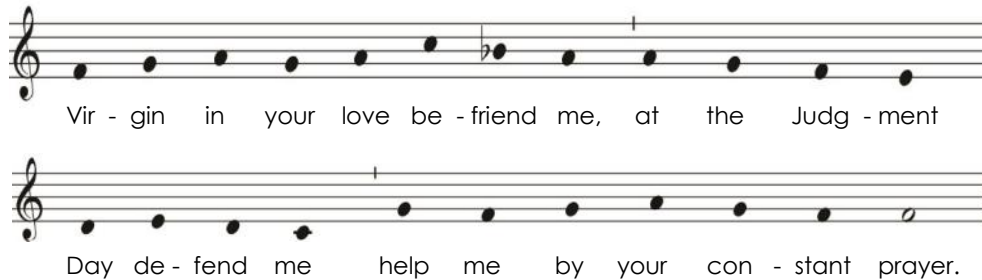
People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Thirteenth Station.

THE THIRTEENTH STATION

THE BODY OF JESUS IS PLACED IN THE ARMS OF HIS MOTHER

Hymn: verse 13



Vir - gin in your love be - friend me, at the Judg - ment
Day de - fend me help me by your con - stant prayer.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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."

Officiant: Her tears run down her cheeks:

People: **And she has none to comfort her.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

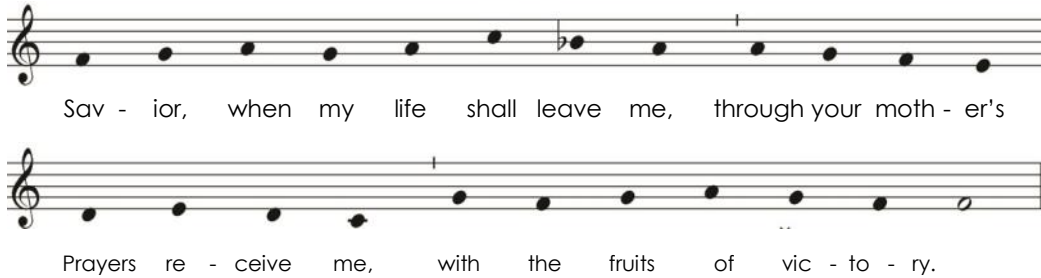
People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The procession moves to the Fourteenth Station.

THE FOURTEENTH STATION

JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Hymn: verse 14



Sav - ior, when my life shall leave me, through your moth - er's
Prayers re - ceive me, with the fruits of vic - to - ry.

Officiant: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

People: **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

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.

Officiant: You will not abandon me to the grave:

People: **Nor let your holy One see corruption.**

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

People: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

The ministers move to the altar of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity (side altar).

CONCLUDING PRAYERS BEFORE THE ALTAR

Hymn: verse 15



Let me to your love be tak - en, let my soul in
death a - wa - ken, to the joys of Par - a - dise.

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

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

A COLLECT

Officiant: 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 for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Verger places the cross on the altar steps and the ministers depart in silence.

A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

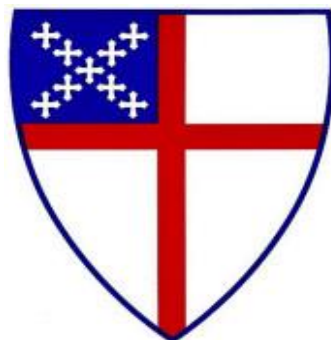
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.





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