

Good Friday 2021

The Service will begin with 5 minutes of silent prayer at 11:55am

Prelude The Crucifixion by S. Barber sung by Motomi Tanaka

Hymn: How Great Thou Art sung by all

Presider Blessed be our God.
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 22 sung by Motomi Tanaka

The Stations of the Cross

The prints of the Stations of the Cross which will appear on the screen were done by the parishioners throughout Lent with Iconographer Regan O'Callaghan.

Musical intro to the Trisagion.

The Trisagion sung by all.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.

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The First Station: Jesus is Condemned to Die.

Regan O'Callahan

Jesus stands in the most human of places. He has already experienced profound solidarity with so many on this earth, by being beaten and tortured. Now he is wrongfully condemned to punishment by death. His commitment to entering our lives completely begins its final steps. He has said "yes" to God and placed his life in God's hands. We follow him in this final surrender, and contemplate with reverence each place along the way, as he is broken and given for us.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Sung **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.**

The Second Station: Jesus Carries His Cross.

Peter Saghir

Jesus is made to carry the cross on which he will die. It represents the weight of all our crosses. What he must have felt as he first took it upon his shoulders! With each step he enters more deeply into our human experience. He walks in the path of human misery and suffering, and experiences its crushing weight.

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The Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time.

Carol Normandin

The weight is unbearable. Jesus falls under it. How could he enter our lives completely without surrendering to the crushing weight of the life of so many on this earth! He lays on the ground and knows the experience of weakness beneath unfair burdens. He feels the powerlessness of wondering if he will ever be able to continue. He is pulled up and made to continue.

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The Fourth Station: Jesus Meets his Mother.

Emily Hursh

Jesus' path takes him to a powerful source of his strength to continue. All his life, his mother had taught him the meaning of the words, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord." Now they look into each other's eyes. How pierced-through her heart must be! How pained he must be to see her tears! Now, her grace-filled smile blesses his mission and stirs his heart to its depth. Love and trust in God bind them together.

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Sung **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.**

Meditation

Heather Kelly

The Fifth Station: Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross. *(art by Erin McNaughton)*

Deacon John

Jesus even experiences our struggle to receive help. He is made to experience the poverty of not being able to carry his burden alone. He enters into the experience of all who must depend upon others to survive. He is deprived of the satisfaction of carrying this burden on his own.

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The Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face.

Kallen Tsikalas

Jesus' journey is at times brutal. He has entered into the terrible experiences of rejection and injustice. He has been whipped and beaten. His face shows the signs of his solidarity with all who have ever suffered injustice and vile, abusive treatment. He encounters a compassionate, loving disciple who wipes the vulgar spit and mocking blood from his face. On her veil, she discovers the image of his face - his gift to her. And, for us to contemplate forever.

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The Seventh Station: Jesus Falls the Second Time.

Emily Flake

Even with help, Jesus stumbles and falls to the ground. In deep exhaustion he stares at the earth beneath him. "Remember, you are dust and to dust you will return." He has seen death before. Now he can feel the profound weakness of disability and disease and aging itself, there on his knees, under the weight of his cross.

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The Eighth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem.

Linda Davis

The women of Jerusalem, and their children, come out to comfort and thank him. They had seen his compassion and welcomed his words of healing and freedom. He had broken all kinds of social and religious conventions to connect with them. Now they are here to support him. He feels their grief. He suffers, knowing he can't remain to help them more in this life. He knows the mystery of facing the separation of death.

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Meditation

Missy Trull

The Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time.

Heather Kelly

This last fall is devastating. Jesus can barely proceed to the end. Summoning all this remaining strength, supported by his inner trust in God, Jesus collapses under the weight of the cross. His executioners look at him as a broken man, pathetic yet paying a price he deserves. They help him up so he can make it up the hill of crucifixion.

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The Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped.

Mother Kimberlee

Part of the indignity is to be crucified naked. Jesus is completely stripped of any pride. The wounds on his back are torn open again. He experiences the ultimate vulnerability of the defenseless. No shield or security protects him. As they stare at him, his eyes turn to heaven.

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The Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross.

Mother Sarah

Huge nails are hammered through his hands and feet to fix him on the cross. He is bleeding much more seriously now. As the cross is lifted up, the weight of his life hangs on those nails. Every time he struggles to pull himself up to breathe, his ability to cling to life slips away.

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Sung **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.**

The Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross.

Scarlett Saghir

Between two criminals, a mocking title above his head, with only Mary and John and Mary Magdalene to support him, Jesus surrenders his last breath: "Into your hands I commend my spirit."

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Sung **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.**

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross.

Laura Tyszka

What tender mourning! Jesus' lifeless body lays in his mother's arms. He has truly died. A profound sacrifice, complete.

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Sung **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.**

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb.

Daria Rigney

They take the body of Jesus to its resting place. The huge stone over the tomb is the final sign of the permanence of death. In this final act of surrender, who would have imagined this tomb would soon be empty or that Jesus would show himself alive to his disciples, or that they would recognize him in the breaking of bread? Oh, that our hearts might burn within us, as we realize how he had to suffer and die so as to enter into his glory, for us.

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Sung **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one have mercy upon us.**

Meditation

Jeremy Sierra

Musical Meditation

J.S. Bach, Erbarme dich, mein Gott

performed by Hirona Amamiya (violin) and Motomi Tanaka (voice)

Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Presider offers an absolution

Presider And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264

Sung by all

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

led by Deacon John

Jesus willingly submitted to suffer in our place. Let us pray to God our Father, and place in his hands the suffering of the world.

We pray for the church, that we may bear our cross and follow Jesus.

We pray for those who have sinned, like Peter.

Teach us to be sorry for our sins, and forgive us for Jesus' sake.
We pray for prisoners and criminals like Barrabas.

May they find true freedom by changing the way they live.
We pray for people in government, like Pilate.

May they be responsible and serve truth and justice.
We pray for those who are dying, like the thieves who died with Jesus.

May they die with Jesus by their side, and be received into your kingdom.
We pray for parents like Mary who have lost a child.

May they bear their suffering and know the comfort of your love.
We pray for the whole human race,

that we may all come to know Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.
Creator, redeemer, sustainer, may the suffering and death of Jesus lighten the burdens of all of us who suffer. Lead us in the way of the cross, so that, as we suffer with Jesus, we may rise to life in his glory.

Dear people of, what are the sufferings we pray for today, as we contemplate our Savior who died on the cross?

*** Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

Concluding Hymn Were you there?

Sung by all

A brief moment of silence

Concluding Prayer

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. *Amen.*

We end the service in silence.