

# LUTHERAN CHAPEL



## *STATIONS OF THE CROSS*

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# Stations of the Cross from Holy Scripture

***Minister:***

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

***All:***

**Because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

## **Opening Prayer**

God of power and mercy,  
in love You sent Your Son  
that we might be cleansed of sin  
and live with You forever.  
Bless us as we gather to reflect  
on His suffering and death  
that we may learn from His example  
the way we should go.

We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **First Station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane**

***Reader:***

Then 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, "My Father, 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."

*(Matthew 26:36-41)*

**Questions for Contemplation:** Have you ever prayed and prayed and didn't understand the answer to your prayer? Do you pray at all?

**All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

## **Second Station: Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested**

**Reader:** Immediately, while [Jesus] 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 the betrayer 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. (*Mark 14: 43-46*)

**Questions for Contemplation:** Have you ever been betrayed? How have you betrayed God who gives you life?

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## **Third Station: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin**

**Reader:** When day came the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought Him to their council. They said, "If You are the Messiah, tell us," He replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, 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." (*Luke 22: 66-71*)

**Questions for Contemplation:** Have you ever been condemned? How have you been rejected?

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## **Fourth Station: Jesus is Denied by Peter**

**Reader:** Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came to him and said, "You too 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 said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" After a little while the

bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them; for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the Man." At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly. (*Matthew 26: 69-75*)

**Questions for Contemplation:** Have you ever denied Jesus? by your words? by your actions?

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### **Fifth Station: Jesus is Judged by Pilate**

**Reader:** 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 questioned Him, "Are You the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." 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 Barrabas for them, and after flogging Jesus, he handed Him over to be crucified. (*Mark 15: 1-5, 15*)

**Questions for Contemplation:** When have you been judged? When have you judged others?

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### **Sixth Station: Jesus is Scourged**

**Reader:** Then Pilate took Jesus and had Him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they dressed Him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking Him on the face. (*John 19: 1-3*)

**Questions for Contemplation:** When have you suffered? Can you see the suffering of Jesus for your sins?

**All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn;  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

## **Seventh Station: Jesus Bears the Cross**

**Reader:** When the chief priests and the police saw [Jesus] they shouted, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him. I find no case against Him." ... They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify Your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." Then he handed Him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by Himself, He went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew, is Golgotha.

*(John 19: 6, 15-17)*

**Questions for Contemplation:** Jesus chooses to bear the cross for us. What sins have I put on His cross?

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## **Eighth Station: Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross**

**Reader:** 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. *(Mark 15: 21)*

**Questions for Contemplation:** When have I helped Jesus? Will I take up the cross and follow Him in this sin sick world?

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## **Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem**

**Reader:** A great number of the people followed Jesus, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for Him. But 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 the barren, and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' Then 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?" (*Luke 23: 27-31*)

**Questions for Contemplation:** Do I see the hurt, the sins, the horror people do to other people? Do I understand there will be a final judgment?

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## **Tenth Station: Jesus is Crucified**

**Reader:** When they came to the place that is called the Skull, they crucified Him and there with the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (*Luke 23: 33-34*)

**Questions for Contemplation:** Jesus chooses to be crucified for our sins, forgiving even those who murdered Him. Will I forgive? Will I be merciful to my enemy?

**All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

# Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
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 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

*Refrain*

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

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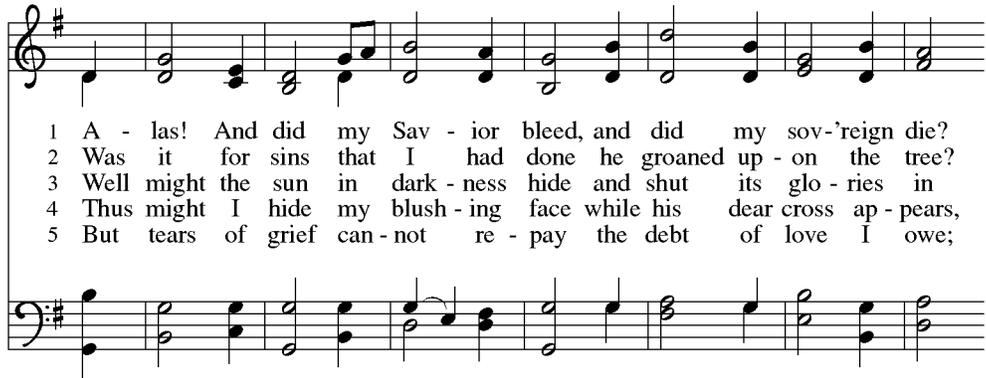
## **Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief**

*Reader:* One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, "Are You not the Messiah? Save Yourself and us." But the other rebuked him, 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 has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." He replied to him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." (*Luke 23: 39-43*)

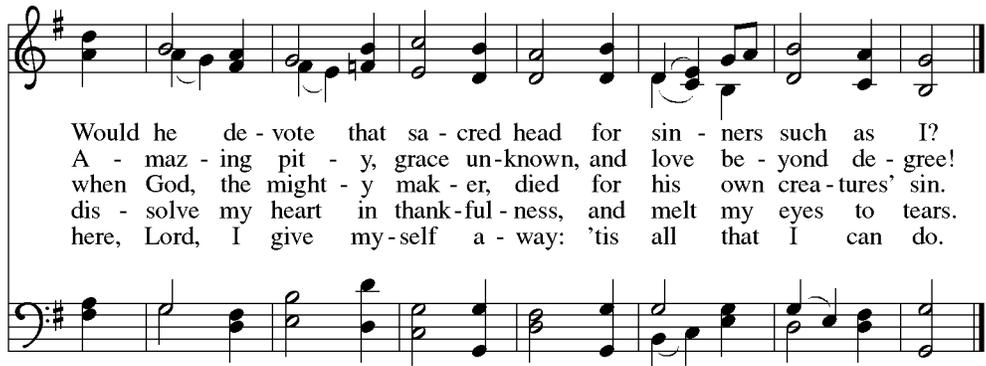
**Questions for Contemplation:** Do I trust the promise of Jesus as I suffer?

**All:** Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?  
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

## Twelfth Station: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

**Reader:** Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, 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 his own home. *John 19: 25-27*

**Questions for Contemplation:** Do I honor my mother and my father? Do I love to the end?

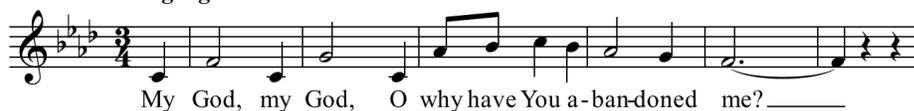
**All: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

### Psalm 22      My God, My God

Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Adapt MH

Marty Haugen, b. 1950

#### Congregational refrain:



1. All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and they shake their heads;  
"He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be His refuge."

#### Refrain:

2. As dogs around me, they circle me about.  
Wounded me and pierced me, I can number all my bones

#### Refrain:

3. My clothing they divided, for my garments casting lots,  
O Lord, do not desert me, but hasten to my aid.

#### Refrain:

4. I will praise You to my people, and proclaim You in their midst.  
O fear the Lord and praise Him, give glory to His name.

#### Refrain:

### **Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross**

**Reader:** It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice said, "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last. (Luke 23:44-46)

**Questions for Contemplation:** Jesus chooses to die for us. Do I commend my whole life, my last breath to Jesus? Will I die trusting in Jesus?

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### **Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb**

**Reader:**

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.

*(Matthew 27: 57-60)*

**Questions for Contemplation:** Death is the end. Can there be life after death? What happens next?

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ELW Hymn #336

# Lamb of God

Verse 1:

Your only Son no sin to hide,  
But you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod  
and become the lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 2:

Your gift of love we crucified.  
We laughed and scorned him as he died.  
The humble king we named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

Verse 3:

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod  
and to be called the lamb of God.

Refrain:

## The Lord's Prayer and Closing Prayer:

**All:** Lord Jesus Christ, Your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to You. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in Your steps and so come to share Your glory in heaven where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Notes for Prayer:** Consider this devotion whenever you are hurting and sorrowful. **Jesus loves you and you are not alone.** Remember His cross suffering for you and with you. Remember His promise: I AM with you always to the end of the age (re: Matthew 28). Persevere trusting Him to the end.

This devotion is especially appropriate for Lent and any daily prayer on Friday, the day His death destroyed death, sin, and the devil. This may be prayed by an individual or congregation, by walking or contemplating in your mind's eye.

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