

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



The Way of the Cross

Monroe Park

Concerning this Service

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.

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Opening Devotions

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

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, (in the language of your heart.)

The Lord's Prayer

Book of Common Prayer p. 336

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
Venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Y perdónanos nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos
ofenden.
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentación,
pero líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

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

All In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Officiant Let us pray.

Silence

Officiant 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.**

The procession goes to the First Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

First Station

Jesus is Condemned to Death

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

All Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Officiant 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:

All But delivered him up for us all.

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.
Amen.

All Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The procession proceeds to the Second Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

Second Station

Jesus Takes up His Cross

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

All Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Officiant 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:

All For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

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. **Amen.**

All Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The procession proceeds to the Third Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

Third Station

The Cross is Laid on Simon of Cyrene

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

All Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Officiant 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:

All Cannot be my disciple.

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. **Amen.**

All Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The procession proceeds to the Fourth Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

Fourth Station

Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

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

All Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Officiant 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:

All Will reap with songs of joy.

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. **Amen.**

All Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The procession proceeds to the Fifth Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

Fifth Station

Jesus is Stripped of His Garmets

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

All Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Officiant 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:

All And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

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. **Amen.**

All Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The procession proceeds to the Sixth Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

Sixth Station

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

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

All Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Officiant 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:

All They stare and gloat over me.

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. **Amen.**

All Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The procession proceeds to the Seventh Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

Seventh Station

Jesus Dies on the Cross

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

All Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Officiant 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.

Officiant Christ for us became obedient unto death:

All Even death on a cross.

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. **Amen.**

All Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The procession proceeds to the Eighth Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

Eighth Station

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

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

All Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Officiant 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:

All Nor let your holy One see corruption.

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. **Amen.**

All Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

The procession proceeds to the Final Station. We need a volunteer to read and another to carry the cross.

Final Station

Concluding Prayers

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

All Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Officiant 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.**

We ask that you please return this bulletin to the leader when you are finished.

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