

### THE NINTH STATION\*

“JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME”

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

**C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

*(Silence for reflection)*

### THE TENTH STATION

“JESUS IS STRIPPED”

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

**C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

*(Silence for reflection)*

### THE ELEVENTH STATION

“JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS”

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

**C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

*(Silence for reflection)*

### THE TWELFTH STATION

“JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS”

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

**C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

*(Silence for reflection)*

### THE THIRTEENTH STATION\*

“JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS”

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

**C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

*(Silence for reflection)*

### THE FOURTEENTH STATION

“JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB”

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

**C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.**

*(Silence for reflection)*

### RESPONSIVE READING

P: So there it is the ugly shape of beautiful wood, roughhewn by human hands.

**C: Lord, where are you now?**

P: and there it is, a tight shut tomb, a borrowed grave, sealed with stone and silence.

**C: Lord, where are you now?**

P: And there it is, your broken body, shrouded in linen, clothed in darkness.

**C: Lord, where are you now?**

P: And somewhere stand your people, crying though tired of crying, their eyes sore and bloodshot. They will not sleep tonight.

**C: Lord, where are you now?**

P: And out in the streets, the children have stopped playing, the sound of music has gone sour, even the unlikely people fidget and wonder.

**C: Lord, where are you now?**

P: And here are we, saying, “If only”, murmuring, “Surely not”, counting the cost for once of our carelessness and our lovelessness and our sin. Trying so vainly to gain all, we’ve bartered you away in the transaction. We have lost the one who found us. With the Peters and Mary of all time we wait, for only you can tell whether we are worth rising for.

**C: Amen!**

*The pastor leaves in silence. Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation!*

We wish to thank Alex Eykamp for providing us with beautiful music; any everyone who assisted in our worship service.

## The Stations of the Cross



### Introduction

**Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as Way of Sorrows or Via Crucis, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The object of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It has become one of the most popular devotions and the stations can be found in the churches of many Western Christian denominations, including Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist and Western Orthodox parishes.[1]**

**Scriptural Way of the Cross: Out of the fourteen traditional Stations of the Cross, only eight have clear scriptural foundation. Stations 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 are not specifically attested to in the gospels (in particular, no evidence exists of station 6 ever being known before medieval times) and Station 13 (representing Jesus's body being taken down off the cross and laid in the arms of his mother Mary) seems to embellish the gospels' record, which states that Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus down from the cross and buried him. We marked those non-scriptural stations with an \* !**



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GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 14, 2017

PRELUDE "Herzlich tut mich verlangen, Op. 122, No. 10" Johannes Brahms

ANNOUNCING THE DAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We gather here to worship God.

C: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us and to thank God for his love and his mercy.

P: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

C: He grew up before God like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

P: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering.

C: Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

OPENING HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" # 338

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you:

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING "Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless" #357

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: Look to Jesus,

C: who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL John 18:28-19:42

KIDS TALK

HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" #666

THE 14 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THE FIRST STATION "JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE"

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(Silence for reflection)

THE SECOND STATION "JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS"

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(Silence for reflection)

THE THIRD STATION\* "JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME"

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(Silence for reflection)

THE FOURTH STATION\* "JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER"

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(Silence for reflection)

THE FIFTH STATION "SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS"

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(Silence for reflection)

THE SIXTH STATION\* "VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS"

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(Silence for reflection)

THE SEVENTH STATION\* "JESUS FALLS THE SECOND TIME"

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(Silence for reflection)

THE EIGHTH STATION "JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM"

P: Lord Jesus – you gave your life for us.

C: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

(Silence for reflection)