



Stations of the Cross

St. Mary's Catholic Church

April 2, 2021, 7:30pm

Fr. John Loncle (presider)

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Kathy Leahy (reader)

Ellen Paz (reader)

Chelsea Barton (organist)

Opening Prayer

The Fourteen Stations of the Cross

The First Station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:36-41

Prayer

Man of Sorrows, wrapt in grief
(M. Bridges; N. Montani)

1. Man of Sorrows, wrapt in grief,
Bow thine ear to our relief:
Thou for us the path hast trod
of the dreadful wrath of God;
Thou the cup of fire hast drained
Til its light alone remained.
Lamb of Love! we look to Thee;
Hear our mournful litany.

2. By the garden, fraught with woe,
Wither Thou full oft wouldst go;
By Thine agony of prayer
In the desolation there;
By the dire and deep distress
of that myst'ry fathomless:
Lord, our tears in mercy see:
Hearken to our litany.

The Second Station: Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested

Mark 14: 43-46

Prayer

Take Up Your Cross

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| 1. Take up your cross, the Savior said,
If you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me. | 2. Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
My strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your
arm. |
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The Third Station: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin

Luke 22: 66-71

Prayer

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß (J. S. Bach)

O man, bewail your grievous sins
for of which Christ left his Father's throne
and came to earth.

From a young woman, pure and gentle,
he was born for us.

He wished to become a mediator;

He gave life to the dead

and removed thereby all sickness

until the time came that he would be sacrificed for us,
and bore the heavy burden of our sins on the Cross.

The Fourth Station: Jesus is Denied by Peter

Matthew 26: 69-75

Prayer

Parce Domine

Spare your people, Lord;
do not be angry with us forever.

The Fifth Station: Jesus is Judged by Pilate

Mark 15: 1-5, 15

Prayer

The Mystery of the Divine Humiliation (John Stainer)

Up in heaven, sublimest glory
Circled round Him from the first;
But the earth finds none to serve Him,
None to quench his raging thirst.

Who shall fathom that descending,
From the rainbow-circled throne,
Down to earth's most base profaning,
Dying desolate alone.

From the "Holy, Holy, holy,
We adore Thee, O most High,"
Down to earth's blaspheming voices
And the shout of "Crucify."

The Sixth Station: Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

John 19: 1-3

Prayer

O Sacred Head, Surrounded

O sacred head, surrounded
By crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded,
Reviled and put to scorn!
Our sins have marred the glory
Of your most holy face,
Yet angel hosts adore you,
And tremble as they gaze.

The Seventh Station: Jesus Bears the Cross

John 19: 6, 15-17

Prayer

Jesu Dulcis Memoria

1. Jesu, the very thought of Thee,
with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far Thy face to see,
and in Thy presence rest.

2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than Thy blest Name,
O Savior of mankind!

3. O hope of every contrite heart
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind Thou art!
how good to those who seek!

4. But what to those who find? Ah this
nor tongue nor pen can show:
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but His loved ones know.

5. Jesu, our only joy be Thou,
As Thou our prize wilt be:
Jesu, be Thou our glory now,
And through eternity. Amen.

The Eighth Station: Jesus is Helped by Simon to Carry the Cross

Mark 15: 21

Prayer

Crux Fidelis

Faithful Cross the Saints rely on,
Noble tree beyond compare!
Never was there such a scion,
Never leaf or flower so rare.
Sweet the timber, sweet the iron,
Sweet the burden that they bear!

The Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Luke 23: 27-31

Prayer

Jésus console les filles d'Israël qui le suivent (Marcel Dupré)
(Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem who follow Him)

The Tenth Station: Jesus is Crucified

Luke 23: 33-34

Prayer

The Mystery of the Divine Humiliation (Stainer)

O mysterious condescending!
O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing
All the sufferings of time!

The Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief

Luke 23: 39-43

Prayer

Adoramus te, Christe (Theodor Dubois)

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
for by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

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

John 19: 25-27

Prayer

Stabat Mater

At the cross her station keeping
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last.

O how sad and sore distressed
Was that Mother highly blest
Of the sole begotten One!

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Luke 23: 44-46

Prayer

In manus tuas (Jeanne Demessieux)

Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

Matthew 27: 57-60

Prayer

Ave Verum Corpus (W. A. Mozart)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:

Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in the trial of death.

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

Closing Prayer

The stations of the cross celebrated this evening are based on those celebrated by Pope John Paul II on Good Friday 1991. They are presented by the USCCB as an alternative to the traditional stations and as a way of reflecting more deeply on the Scriptural accounts of Christ's passion.

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