



6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

# Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church

THE REV. MAURICIO WILSON, RECTOR

# The Way of the Cross

Please be seated in a pew until the entrance of the ministers into the church. When the ministers enter, all stand.

The devotion known as The Stations of the Cross or 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.

The number of stations, which at first varied widely, finally became fixed at fourteen. Of these, eight are based directly on events recorded in the Gospels. The remaining six (numbers 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 13) are based on inferences from the Gospel account or from pious legend. Occasionally these six stations may be omitted. The form which follows is appropriate either as a public service or as a private devotion, particularly on the Fridays of Lent, but it does not displace the Proper Liturgy of Good Friday.

Traditionally, the stations are made before a series of plain wooden crosses placed along the walls of the church or in some other convenient place. With each cross there is sometimes associated a pictorial representation of the event being commemorated.

The hymn Stabat Mater ("At the cross her station keeping") has frequently been associated with this service, and selected stanzas of this hymn may appropriately be sung at the entrance of the ministers, and (after the opening devotions before the Altar) as the procession approaches the first station. The Trisagion ("Holy God") is used to conclude each station, and stanzas of Stabat Mater are sung as the procession moves. It is appropriate that all present take part in the procession. The officiant at the service, whether clerical or lay, customarily leads the opening versicle at each station and reads the concluding Collect. The Readings (and the versicles which follow) are assigned to other persons.

#### **OPENING DEVOTIONS**

Officiant prays

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People Christ, have mercy.
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant and People pray together

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.

Versicle We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:Response In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Officiant Let us pray. (A moment of silence.)

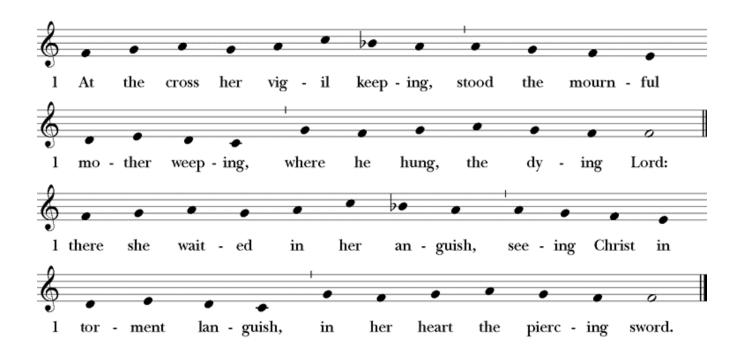
Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Singing verse 1 of Hymn 159, the procession goes to the First Station.

THE HYMN — At the cross her vigil keeping, v. 1

Hymnal 159 *Music: Stabat Mater dolorosa* 



## First Station

## Jesus is condemned to death

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

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



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.

Versicle God did not spare his own Son:
Response 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.

All Amen.

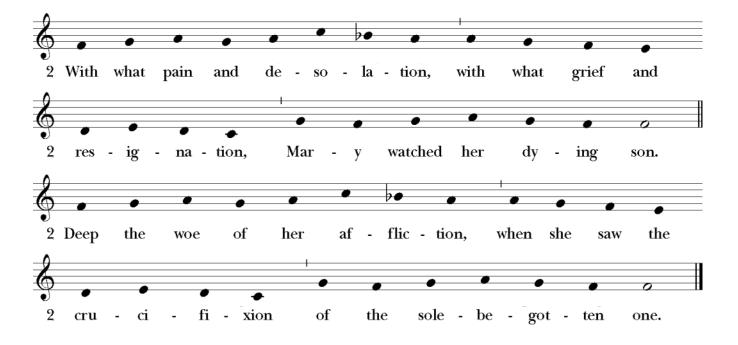
Holy God, | Holy and Mighty, | Holy Immortal One, | Have mercy upon us.

Singing, the procession goes to the Second Station.

THE HYMN — At the cross her vigil keeping, v. 2

Hymnal 159

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## **Second Station**

## Jesus takes up his Cross

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

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



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.

Versicle The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

Response 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.

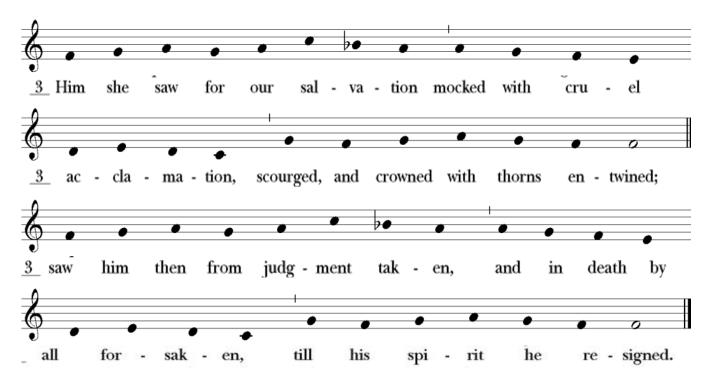
All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Third Station.

THE HYMN — At the cross her vigil keeping, v. 3

Hymnal 159



## Third Station

### Jesus falls the first time

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

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



5

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

Versicle Surely he has borne our griefs:

Response And carried our sorrows.

Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Fourth Station.



## **Fourth Station**

### Jesus meets his afflicted mother

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

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



To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Versicle A sword will pierce your own soul also:

Response And fill your heart with bitter pain.

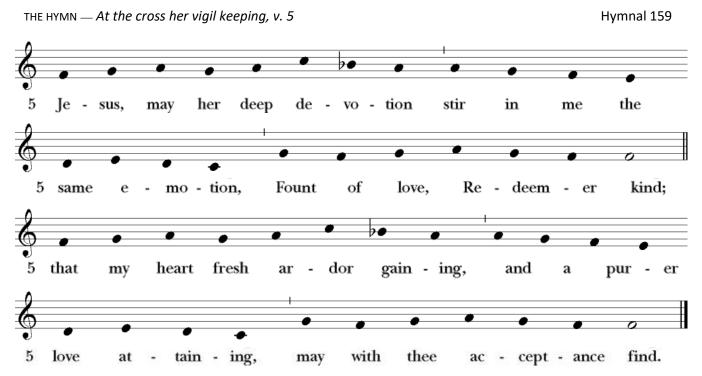
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Fifth Station.



## Fifth Station

## The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene

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

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



7

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."

Versicle Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:

Response Cannot be my disciple.

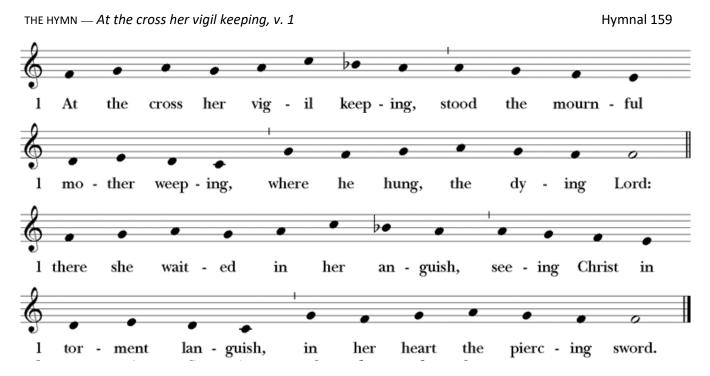
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

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.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Sixth Station.



## Sixth Station

## A woman wipes the face of Jesus

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

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



We have seen him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of men. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

Versicle Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:

Response Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

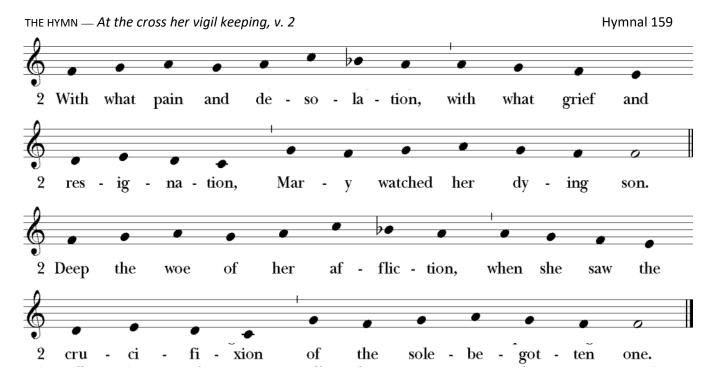
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Seventh Station.



## Seventh Station

### Jesus falls a second time

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

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



9

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Versicle But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

Response Scorned by all and despised by the people.

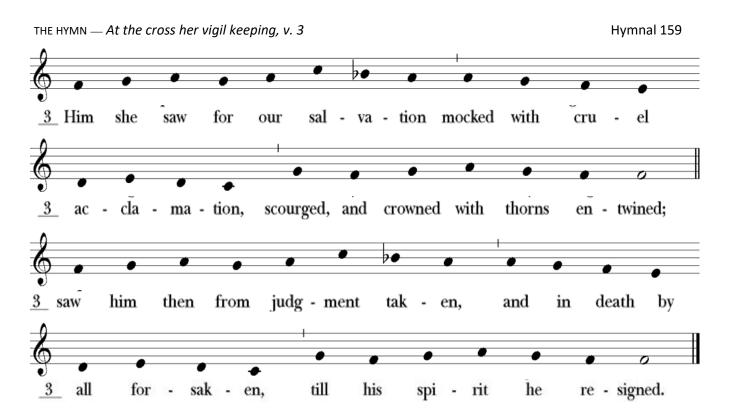
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Eighth Station.



# **Eighth Station**

### Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

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

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



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."

Versicle Those who sowed with tears: Response 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.

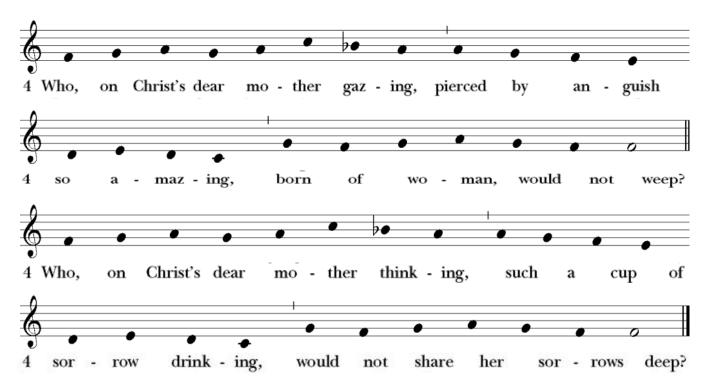
All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Ninth Station.

THE HYMN — At the cross her vigil keeping, v. 4

Hymnal 159



## Ninth Station

#### Jesus falls a third time

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

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



11

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged me and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes. "Remember, O Lord, my affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!"

*Versicle* He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:

Response And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.

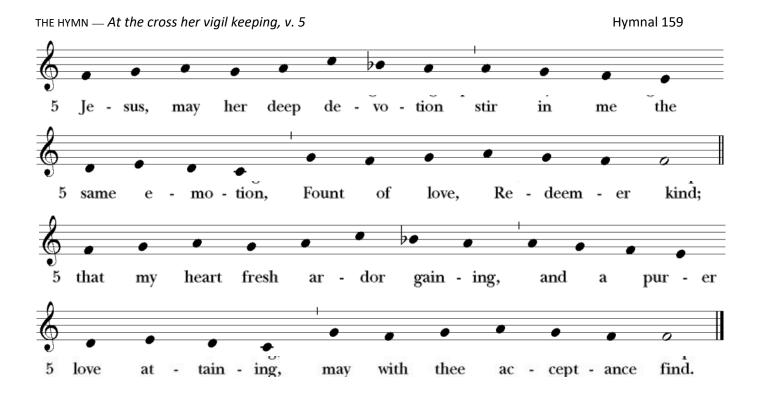
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Tenth Station.



## **Tenth Station**

## Jesus is stripped of his garments

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

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



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."

Versicle They gave me gall to eat:

Response 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.

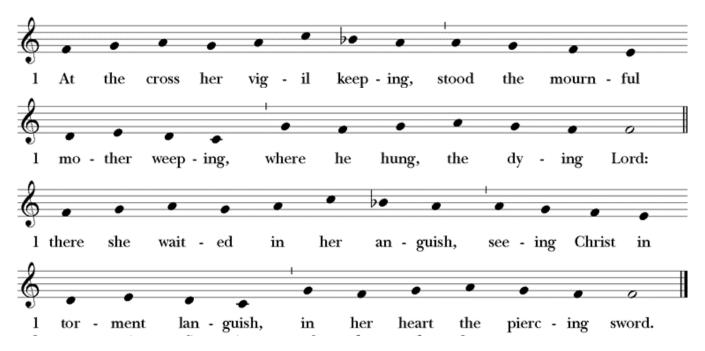
All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Eleventh Station.

THE HYMN — At the cross her vigil keeping, v. 1

Hymnal 159



## **Eleventh Station**

### Jesus is nailed to the Cross

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

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



13

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."

Versicle They pierce my hands and my feet:

Response They stare and gloat over me.

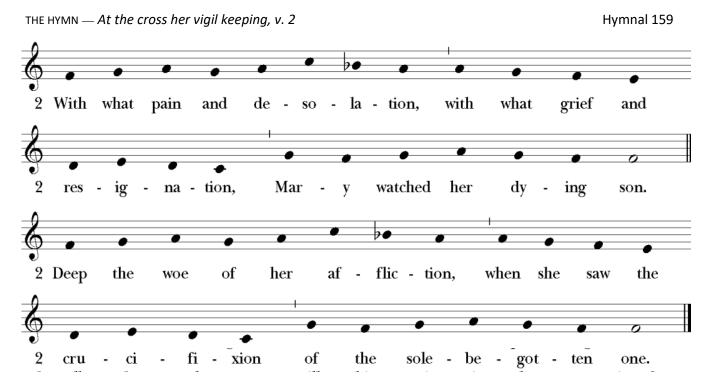
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

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.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Twelfth Station.



## Twelfth Station

### **Jesus dies on the Cross**

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

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



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.

In silence all kneel as they are able.

Versicle Christ for us became obedient unto death:

Response Even death on a cross.

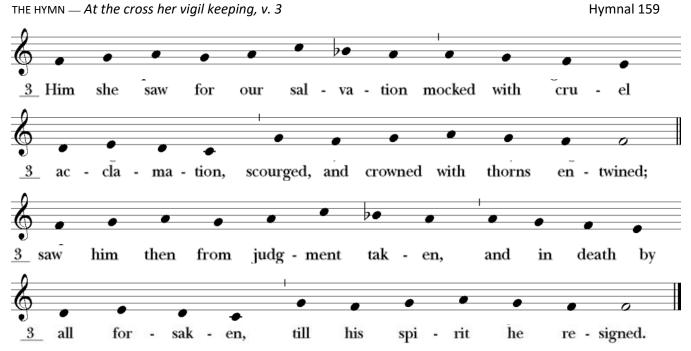
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

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.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Thirteenth Station.



## Thirteenth Station

## The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother

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

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



All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. "Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me."

Her tears run down her cheeks: Versicle

Response And she has none to comfort her.

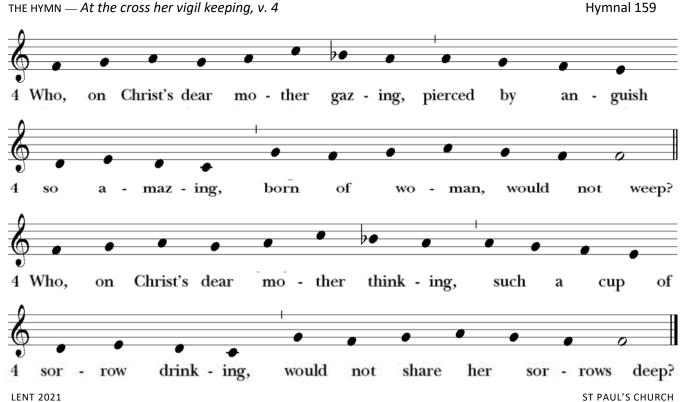
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake.

Amen. ΑII

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

Singing, the procession goes to the Fourteenth Station.



ST PAUL'S CHURCH

## Fourteenth Station

#### Jesus is laid in the tomb

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

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



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.

Versicle You will not abandon me to the grave:

Response Nor let your holy One see corruption.

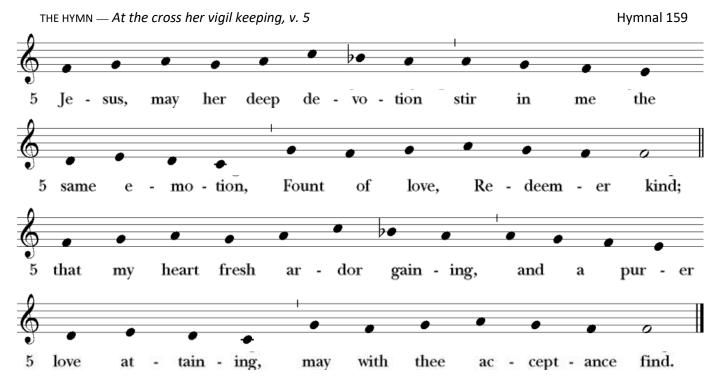
Officiant Let us pray. (Silence)

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.

All Amen.

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

Singing, the procession goes to stand before the altar rail.



#### **CONCLUDING PRAYERS BEFORE THE ALTAR**

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

People 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.

All Amen.

Officiant 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.

All Amen.

People may depart quietly or sit for a few moments in the pews for prayer.

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## LENT AND EASTER CALENDAR

Sunday, February 21 - March 28:

Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Service, by Zoom

Tuesdays,

Morning Prayer 10 a.m. by Zoom

Wednesday, February 24 - March 31:

Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m. Zoom and Facebook

Evening Prayer, and Lent Series 7 p.m. Zoom only

Thursday,

Morning Prayer 10 a.m. in the park

Friday, February 19—March 26 Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday – March 28

Holy Eucharist 8 a.m. Choral Eucharist 10 a.m. **Holy Wednesday – March 31:** 

The Service of Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 1:

Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 2:

The Service of Good Friday, 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross -3:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday – April 3:** 

The Great Vigil of Easter 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4:

Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Evensong 4:00 p.m.

# LENT

Early Christians observed "a season of penitence and fasting" in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were

being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by selfexamination and repentance; by prayer, meditating on God's holy Word" (BCP, p. 265).

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# 2021 WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERIES: Lenten Race + Faith

What does it mean to seek God and continue to walk forward in the Way of Love, especially as it relates to issues of justice and race? Join Cara Meredith, author of <u>The Color of Life</u> and member of St. Paul's, for a six-week interactive discussion series every Wednesday night in Lent. Each week will feature conversations with various faith leaders and authors from around the Bay Area, as well as dialogue around key themes of race and faith from her book.

Dates: Wednesdays, February 24th - March 31st, 7-8:30 pm on Zoom.

To prepare, grab a copy of <u>The Color of Life</u> from your favorite bookseller. Contact the office for an autographed copy and we'll pop one in the mail to you.

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#### **CLERGY & STAFF**

The Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus *Bishop of California* 

The Rev. Dr. Mauricio J. Wilson *Rector* 

The Rev. Christian Harding The Rev. Anne Jensen Assisting Priests

The Ven. Carolyn Bolton *Archdeacon* 

Jackie Kamakate Parish administrator

Christopher Kula Music Director

Joan Clark *Bookkeeper* 

# LITURGICAL LIVESTREAM & ZOOM SCHEDULE

#### **SUNDAYS**

8 AM Said Service 9:15 AM Morning Prayer in the Courtyard 10 AM Choral Services

11:30 AM Bible Study (ZOOM ONLY)

#### FIRST SUNDAYS

4 PM Evensong

#### **FOURTH SUNDAYS**

8 PM Compline

#### **TUESDAYS**

10AM Morning Prayer (ZOOM ONLY)

#### WEDNESDAYS

Evening Prayer 7 pm; followed by Lent Program (ZOOM ONLY)

#### **THURSDAYS**

10<sub>AM</sub> Morning Prayer in the Park

#### **FRIDAYS**

Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be scheduled with any priest.

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### WELCOMING AND AFFIRMING

Parking is available in the Senior Center/ Veteran's Memorial Building lot (across Bay Place from the church) for Sunday services. Street parking is unrestricted on Sundays, but metered/2-hour limit all other days. Additional paid parking is available at Children's Fairyland



on Grand Ave. and at lots at 155 Grand Ave. and at W 23rd St. & Waverly (behind 180 Grand Ave.). The nearest BART station is the 19th Avenue stop, a .7 mile walk.

Event Notification: If you would like to receive information on St. Paul's events and ministries, or receive a call from clergy, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and place in the collection plate or sign the visitor book in the Narthex. To join our email list, sign up on our website, www.stpaulsoakland.org

Parishioner Directories are available in either printed or digital form. To request your copy please call or email the Parish Administrator (510.834.4314 Ext. 501/admin@stpaulsoakland.org)

## Name Tags

Let us greet you with your name! Please pick up your name tag in the narthex as you enter the Church or at the coffee hour afterwards.

#### The Restroom

One is located at the back of the church through the side door. A wheelchair accessible restroom is also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

#### **Questions?**

Don't hesitate to ask an usher for help if you require any assistance.

