

An Ecumenical Procession

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY

A joint journey of Christian Communities in the



City of Hartford

April 18, 2025 Noon

It is an ancient tradition to walk the Stations of the Cross, reliving the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Today, we publicly witness our faith in the heart of our city during the celebration of Good Friday.

At Christ Church Cathedral

The ministers enter in silence.

Silent prayer.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be our God.

All: **Forever and ever. Amen.**

One: We have tasted the goodness of the word of God.

All: **And yet, we often fall away from it, crucifying Jesus anew.**

One: Again and again, we tell the story.

All: **And again and again, we find ourselves here—in the story.**

One: For as often as necessary, let us relive it so that, with God's help, we will no longer repeat it. Let us pray

INVOCATION (unison)

Holy God, as we journey through this familiar story, help us to understand it anew. Show us, O God, where and why we find ourselves here again and again, and move us toward a more just future. Amen.

ORIENTATION TO THE DAY

CHANT Stay with me / Velaré contigo / Bleibet hier

Ostinato Refrain / Etribillo

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
Ve - la - ré con - ti - go, Se - ñor, mien - tras yo
German: Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und

pray, watch and pray.
vi - va, mien - tras yo vi - va.
be - tet, wa - chet und be - tet.

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THE FIRST STATION: *Jesus is Condemned to Death*

Leaders from Christ Church Cathedral

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

John 19:1-5

Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again, and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

Lamentations 1:12

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Look and see

if there is any sorrow like my sorrow

which was brought upon me,

which the Lord inflicted

on the day of his fierce anger."

LOOK *Jesus is Condemned to Death*



SING What Wondrous Love is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

PRAY

One: Lord, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(You are invited to recite the Lord's prayer in the language of your choice.)

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

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

One: Let us pray:

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day:

for all who are imprisoned, justly or unjustly; for those who hold others prisoner;
for all those who are tortured or who torture; for those held prisoner by disease, poverty,
famine, or disaster; for those bound by fear or loneliness.

We pray also for all those we name now, either aloud or in the
silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who became
prisoner for our sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SECOND STATION: *Jesus Takes Up His Cross*

Leaders from Christ Church Cathedral

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

John 19:14-17

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to the Jewish leaders 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 called Golgotha.

LOOK *Jesus Takes Up His Cross*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all who carry heavy burdens; for those weighed down by fear; for those living with pain, disease, or long illness; for those caring for the sick; for those keeping watch over the dying; for those homeless who must bear their possessions on their backs. We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who bore us
and our sins to the grave, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

The procession towards the street starts while singing:

CHANT Bless the Lord, My soul / Tengo Sed de Ti

$\text{♩} = 76$
Ostinato

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.
Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.
Ten - go sed de ti: tu a - mor es li - ber - tad.

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[The Procession stops at Capital Community College – 950 Main Street]

THE THIRD STATION: *Jesus Falls for the First Time*

Leaders from Trinity Episcopal Church

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Mark 8:31, 34-35

And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."

LOOK *Jesus Falls for the First Time*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all whose tasks and sorrows are beyond what they can bear; for those carrying the burden of illness; for those fallen beneath the weight of poverty or homelessness; for those stricken by shame, guilt, or fear; for those suffering from violence, oppression, or degradation.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who falls under the cross of sorrow, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

CHANT Bless the Lord, My soul / Tengo Sed de Ti

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Ostinato

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.____
Ten - go sed de ti, oh fuen - te del a - mor.____

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[Procession stops at the corner of Temple Street and Main Street]

THE FOURTH STATION: *Jesus Meets his Grieving Mother*

Leaders from Trinity Episcopal Church

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Lamentation 2:13

What can I say for you, to what compare you,
O daughter of Jerusalem?

What can I liken to you, that I may comfort you,
O virgin daughter of Zion?

For vast as the sea is your ruin;
who can restore you?

Ruth 1:20-21

She said to them, “Do not call me Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. I went away full, and the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the Lord has afflicted me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?”

LOOK *Jesus Meets his Grieving Mother*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all who witness the suffering of those they love; for all those who watch beside a sickbed; for all those who keep vigil with the dying; for those who fear for a missing or wounded child; for those who grieve for a loved one in danger.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who grew and became strong in his mother's loving care, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

CHANT Stay with Me, Remain Here with Me

Ostinato Refrain / Estribillo

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
Ve - la - ré con - ti - go, Se - ñor, mien - tras yo
German: Blei - bet hier und wa - chet mit mir, wa - chet und

pray, watch and pray.
vi - va, mien - tras yo vi - va.
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[Procession stops at the Old State House - 800 Main Street]

THE FIFTH STATION: *The Cross is Laid on Simon the Cyrene*

Leaders from The First Presbyterian Church of Hartford

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Luke 23:26

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

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.

LOOK *The Cross is Laid on Simon the Cyrene*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for those who carry our burdens; for those who stand beside us in times of sickness and danger; for those who shield us from harm; for those whose love supports and carries us across dark places; for those whose hands prepare for us food and warmth and shelter; for ourselves, that we may have the grace to allow others to assist us.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who stands in our place and shoulders our burdens, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

CHANT Stay with Me, Remain Here with Me

Ostinato Refrain / Estribillo

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
Ve - la - ré con - ti - go, Se - ñor, mien - tras yo
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[Procession stops at Hartford's Ancient Burial Ground]

THE SIXTH STATION: *A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus*

Leaders from Center Church

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Lamentations 3:48-51

My eyes will flow without ceasing,
without respite,
until the Lord from heaven
looks down and sees;
my eyes cause me grief
at the fate of all the maidens of my city.

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast ... And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

LOOK *A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all who comfort the suffering; for those who minister to the sick and dying; for those who accept the help we offer; for those who support the unlovely and the unloved; for those who go into dark places to bring them light; for those who know in us the goodness and beauty we do not see.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who is comfort in sorrow and life out of every grave, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

CHANT Nada Te Turbe / Nothing Can Trouble

Ostinato Refrain

1.

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es-pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

2.

na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

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[Procession stops at Center Church]

THE SEVENTH STATION: *Jesus Falls a Second Time*

Leaders from Center Church

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Isaiah 53:10-12

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish, he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant,
shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore, I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,

because he poured out himself to death
and was numbered with the transgressors,
yet he bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 31:11-13

I am the scorn of all my adversaries,
a horror to my neighbors,

an object of dread to my acquaintances;
those who see me in the street flee from me.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;
I have become like a broken vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many—
terror all around! —

as they scheme together against me,
as they plot to take my life.

LOOK *Jesus Falls a Second Time*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all those stricken and afflicted; for those who have fallen over and over again; for those felled by pain and illness; for those struggling with addiction; for those immobilized by fear; for those who struggle to stand upright beneath their burdens. We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

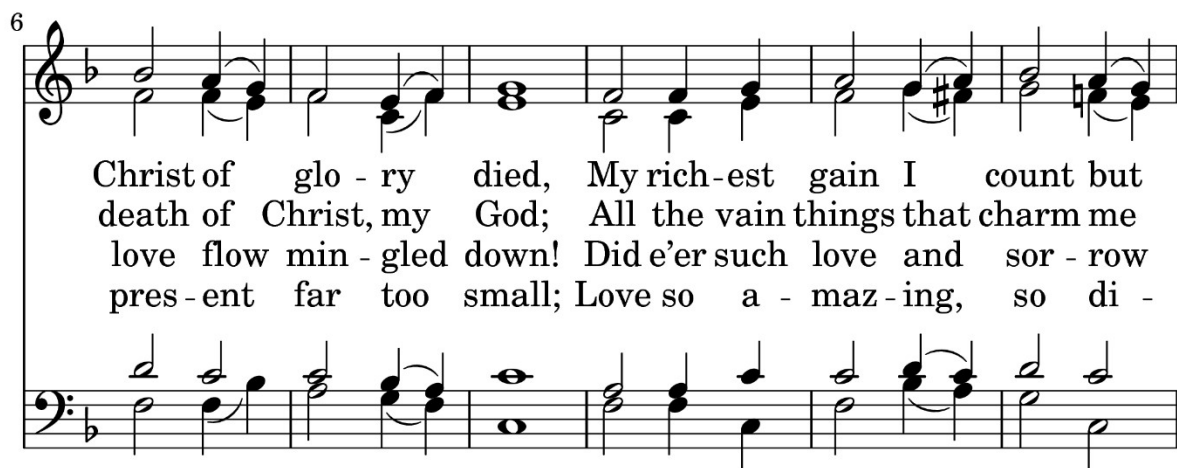
We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who knew weakness and affliction and yet gave to us life, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



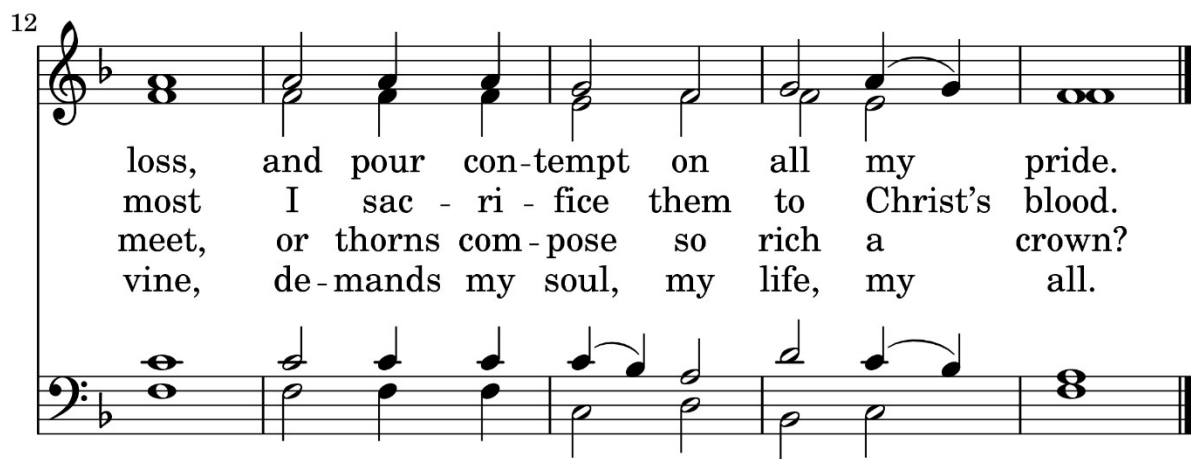
1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross, on which the
 2 For - bid it, then, that I should boast, save in the
 3 From sa - cred head, from hands, and feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

6



Christ of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I count but
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and sor - row
 pres - ent far too small; Love so a - maz - ing, so di -

12



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 most I sac - ri - fice them to Christ's blood.
 meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The New Century Hymnal 224

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

Tune (HAMBURG, L.M.): Lowell Mason, 1825

THE EIGHTH STATION: *Jesus meets the Women of Jerusalem*

Leaders from Center Church

LISTEN

Luke 23:27-31

A great number of the people followed him, 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?”

Lamentations 2:10

The elders of daughter Zion
sit on the ground in silence;
they have thrown dust on their heads;
they put on sackcloth;
the young women of Jerusalem
have bowed their heads to the ground.

LOOK *Jesus meets the Women of Jerusalem*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all who gave darkness in their lives; for those who fear for themselves and their future; for those grief-stricken for their children and grandchildren; for those who live in times of war and strife; for those who live in places of famine or disaster. We pray also for those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the one who tasted sorrow for our sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

CHANT Nada Te Turbe / Nothing Can Trouble

Ostinato Refrain

Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

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[Procession stops at Hartford City Hall]

THE NINTH STATION: *Jesus Falls for a Third Time*, Isaiah 29:4; 53:7

Leaders from St. Monica's Episcopal Church

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Isaiah 29:4; 53:7

Then deep from the earth you shall speak;
from low in the dust your words shall come;
your voice shall come from the ground like the voice of a ghost,
and your speech shall whisper out of the dust.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

LOOK *Jesus Falls for a Third Time*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all those who are brought low; for those imprisoned by despair; for those with no hope for recovery or healing; for those ground down by poverty, fear, or illness; for those who are wounded by oppression, violence, or degradation.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who went down to the dust that we might be exalted, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

CHANT ~ Ubi caritas ~ Where true charity ~ Donde hay amor

Refrain

U - bi cá - ri - tas et a - mor,
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,
Don - de hay a - mor y ca - ri - dad,

u - bi cá - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.
don - de hay a - mor Dios a - llí es - tá.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8, 13; Taizé Community, 1978
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[Procession stops at the Immigration Court]

THE TENTH STATION: *Jesus is Stripped of His Garments*

Leaders from St. Monica's Episcopal Church

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

John 19: 23-25

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

*"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."*

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Job 1:20-21

Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

LOOK *Jesus is Stripped of His Garments*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: For all those who are stripped and exposed; for those who have lost their homes and possessions; for those who are shorn of their name and reputation; for those whose sense of their own worth has been taken from them; for those without health, or home, or companionship.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

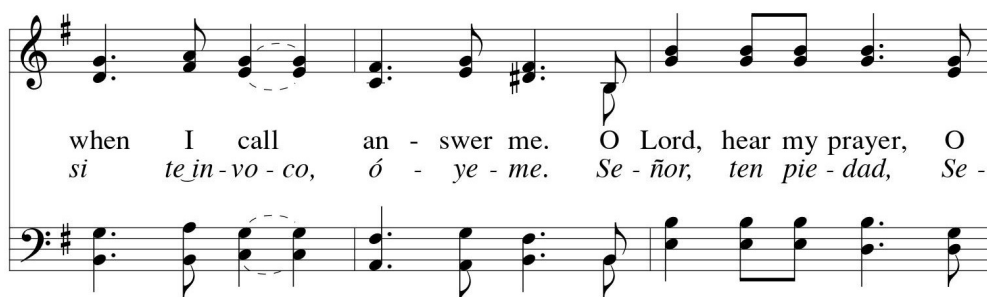
We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who emptied himself and took the name of a slave, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

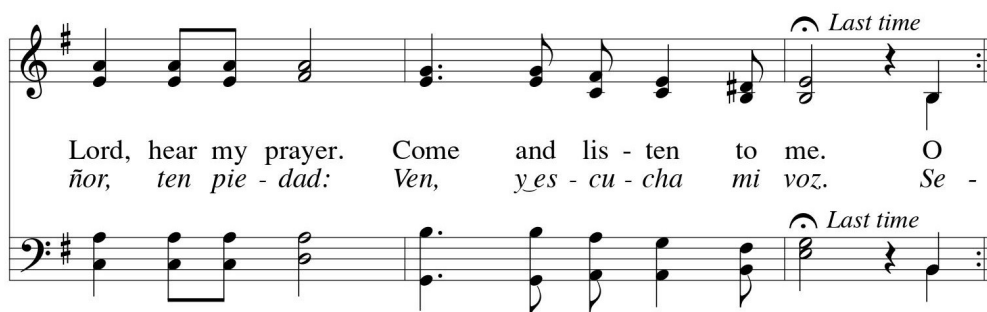
CHANT O Lord, Hear my Prayer / Señor, ten Piedad

Ostinato Refrain

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
Se - ñor, ten pie - dad, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad:



when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
si te in - vo - co, ó - ye - me. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad, Se -



Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
ñor, ten pie - dad: Ven, yes - cu - cha mi voz. Se -

[Procession stops at Central Baptist Church]

THE ELEVENTH STATION: *Jesus is Nailed to the Cross*

Leaders from Central Baptist Church

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Luke 23:33

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Genesis 22:6-8

Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

LOOK *Jesus is Nailed to the Cross*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all those who are pierced by fear; for those scourged by poverty or disease; for those transfixed by anger, hatred, or self-loathing; for those held hostage by oppression or prejudice.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who accepted the cross and its shame for our sake, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING Were You There?

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____ Were you
 3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____ Were you
 4. Were you there when He rose up from the grave? _____ Were you

1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2. there when they nailed Him to the tree?
 3. there when they laid Him in the tomb?
 4. there when He rose up from the grave?

O! _____

Some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem - ble. _____

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____
 2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? _____
 3. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? _____
 4. Were you there when He rose up from the grave? _____

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).

THE TWELFTH STATION: *Jesus Dies on the Cross*

Leaders from Central Baptist Church

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Luke 23: 46-47

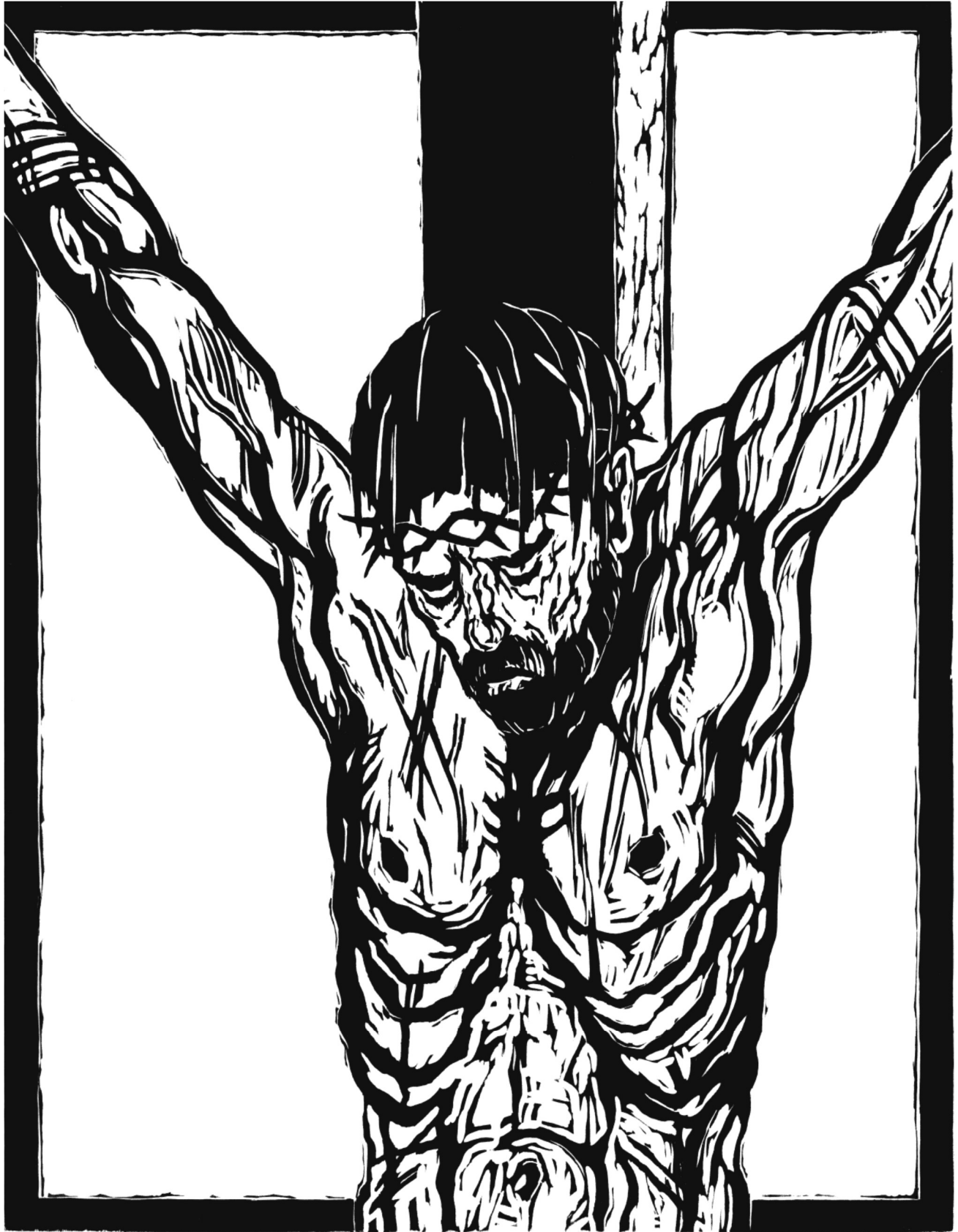
Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”

Moment of Silence

Philippians 2: 5-8

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

LOOK *Jesus Dies on the Cross*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for those who are crucified; for those held in solitary confinement; for all those tortured and slain by a perversion of justice; for those executed; for those who torture; for those who kill.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who was a prisoner and died between thieves, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING

CHANT Jesus, Remember Me / Jesús, Recuérdame

Ostinato Refrain / Estribillo Ostinato

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.
Je - sús, re - cuér - da - me cuan - do en - tres en tu Rei - no,

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.
Je - sús, re - cuér - da - me, cuan - do en - tres en tu Rei - no.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981; tr. by Ronald F. Krisman, b.1946

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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[Procession stops at First Presbyterian Church]

THE THIRTEENTH STATION: *Jesus's Body is Laid in His Mother's Arms*

Leaders from The First Presbyterian Church of Hartford

One: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

LISTEN

Luke 2:33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

Jeremiah 31:15

Thus says the Lord:

A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.

LOOK *Jesus's Body is Laid in His Mother's Arms*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for all those who mourn the death of one they loved; for those who hold in their arms the body of a loved one; for those who feel their lives broken and shattered; for those who cannot see their life beyond this death; for those who cannot grieve or weep. We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One born of Mary and borne by her at the end, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SING I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me: I want
 2 In my tri - als Lord, walk with me; in my
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in

Je - sus to walk with me; all a - long my pil - grim
 tri - als, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is al - most
 trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in

jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

THE FOURTEENTH STATION: *Jesus's Body is Laid in The Tomb*

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Mark 15:42-27

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead, and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Jesus, saw where the body was laid.

Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

LOOK *Jesus's Body is Laid in The Tomb*



PRAY

Lord Christ, as we meditate on your passion, may we remember also those for whom you died. Hear our prayers this day: for those with lives cut short; for those who die unmourned, outliving everyone they knew or loved; for those who die in peace and hope; for those who die in fear or pain or suffering; for those who stand watch at the grace; for those who fear the finality of this loss.

We pray also for all those we name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Pause

We gather up these prayers in the name of the One who went down to the dust that we might rise, our living Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

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CLOSING MEDITATION

Please rise in body or spirit for the closing blessing and benediction.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

You are invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship, hosted by the congregation of The First Presbyterian Church.

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