

Stations of the Cross
St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Good Friday, 2021

Welcome

Hymn

The Hymnal 171

1 Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, ye that feel the tempt-er's power;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal-vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,

your Re-deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark the mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete;

turn not from his griefs a - way, learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
"It is fi - nished!" hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854) Music: *Petra*, Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Leader: We praise you, O Christ, and we bless you;

Congregation: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Lord Jesus Christ, willingly crucified for us, as we kneel at the foot of your cross, help us to see and know your love for us, so that we may place at your feet all that we have and all that we are. **Amen.**

Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle;
 Thir - ty years a - mong us dwell - ing,
 of the might - y con - flict sing, tell the tri - umph of the vic - tim,
 his ap - point - ed time ful - filled, born for this, he meets his pas - sion,
 to his cross thy tri - bute bring, Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er
 this the Sa - vior free - ly willed: on the cross, the Lamb is lift - ed,
 from that cross now reigns as King.
 where his pre - cious blood is spilled.

Station 1: Jesus is condemned to die

Leader: Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Congregation: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

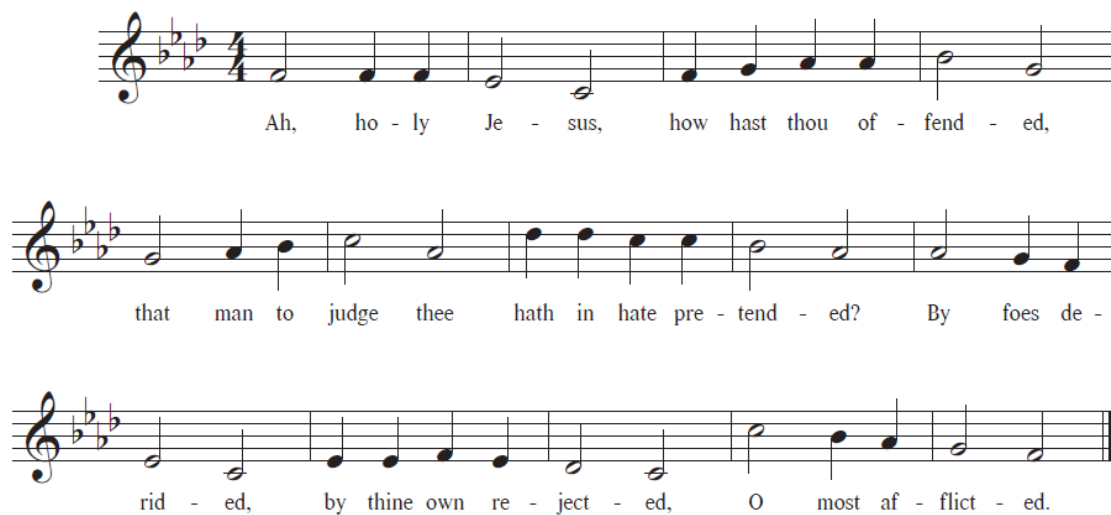
Scripture: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked... [Pilate asked] them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas [a murderer] for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

REFLECTION

BODY PRAYER

SILENCE



Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

Station 2: Jesus is denied by Peter

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my restless thoughts;

Congregation: see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls saw Peter warming himself and said, “You are with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.”

“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

She began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” But again he denied it.

“Simon son of John, do you love me?”

After a while the bystanders again said to Peter, “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.” But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know this man you are talking about.”

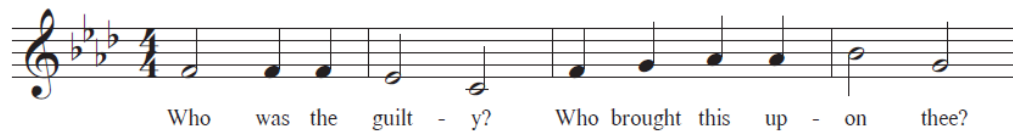
At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love?” and he said to Jesus, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him “Feed my sheep.”

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Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?



A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord



Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.

Station 3: Jesus takes up his cross

Leader: For this reason the Father loves me

Congregation: because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly... They took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

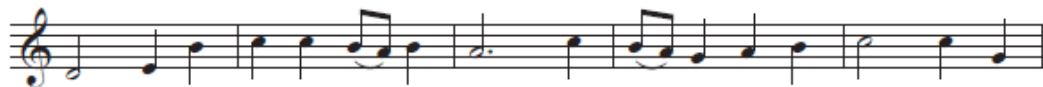
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O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn; O king - ly head, sur -



round - ed, with mock - ing crown of thorn; what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can



death thy bloom de - flower? O count - te - nace whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!

Station 4: Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene to carry his cross;

Leader: Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?

Congregation: Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

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In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry, with thee for my sal -
va - tion up - on the cross to die, Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be -
¹²neath, to mourn thee, well be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

Station 5: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Leader: Simeon said to Mary, "this child is destined to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed.

Congregation: And a sword shall pierce your own side also."

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time, people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry

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He en - dures the nails, the spit - ting,
 Faith - ful cross! a - bove all o - ther,
 vin - e - gar, and spear, and reed: _____ from that ho - ly bo - dy bro - ken
 one _____ and on - ly no - ble tree! _____ None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 blood and wa - ter forth pro - ceed: _____ earth, and stars, and sky, and o - cean,
 none in fruit thy peer may be: _____ sweet - est wood and sweet - est i - ron!
 by that flood from _____ stain are freed.
 sweet - est weight is _____ hung on thee.

Station 6: Jesus is crucified

Leader: See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.

Congregation: he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

They crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!'

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Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our - a -
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.

Station 7: Jesus entrusts Mary and John to each other

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Congregation: The command we have from him is this – those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

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What lan-guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend, for this thy dy - ing

sor - row, thy pi - ty with-out end? Oh, make me thine for ev - er! and should I faint-ing

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be, Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.

Station 8: Jesus dies on the cross

Leader: What greater love is there than this, to lay down one's life for his friends.

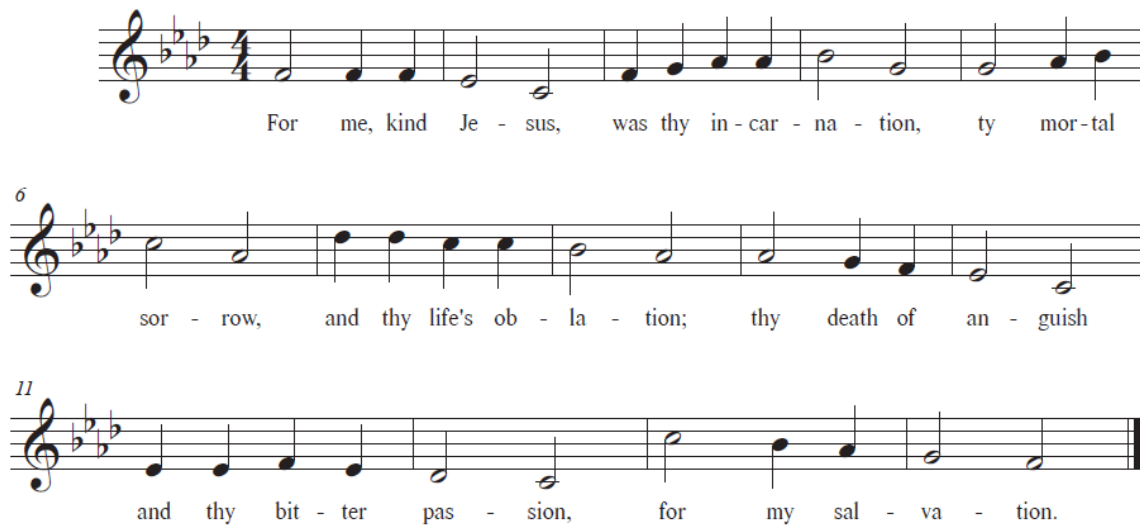
Congregation: You are my friends if you keep my commandments.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion, ty mor - tal
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.

Station 9: Jesus is laid in the tomb

Leader: Is your steadfast love declared in the grave

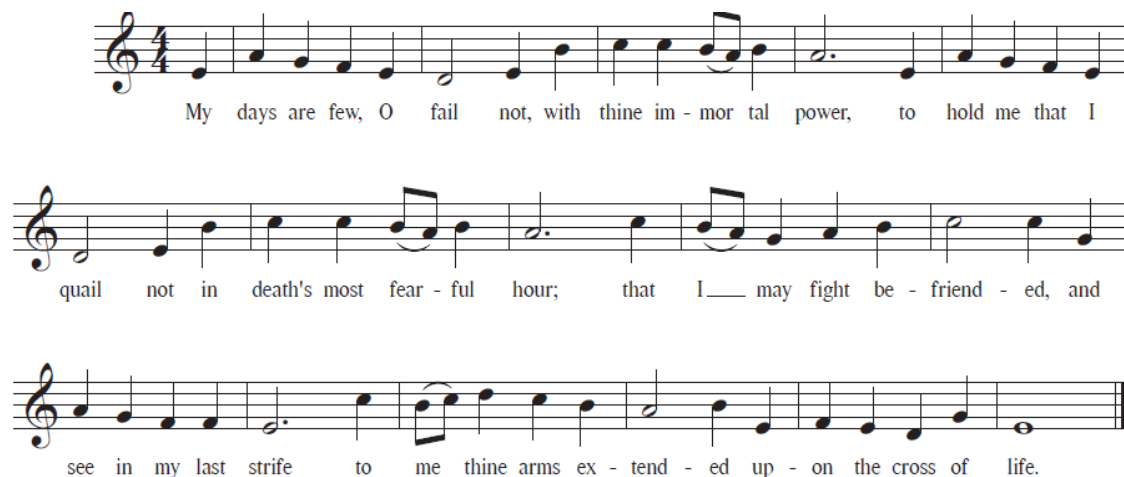
Congregation: or your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

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 the 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.

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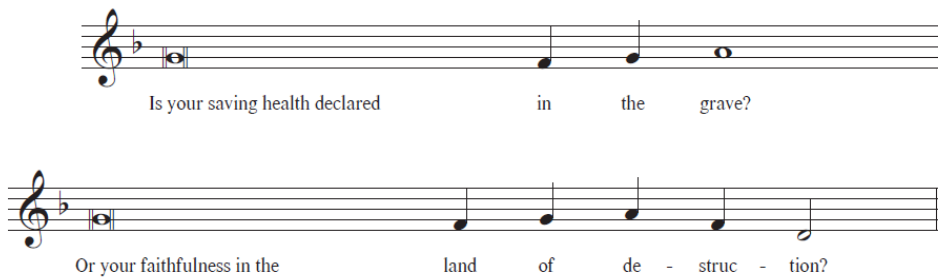
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My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor tal power, to hold me that I
 quail not in death's most fear - ful hour; that I may fight be - friend - ed, and
 see in my last strife to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

PSALM 88



Is your saving health declared in the grave?
Or your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

- 1 O LORD, my God, my Savior, *
by day and night I cry to you.
- 2 Let my prayer enter into your presence; *
incline your ear to my lamentation.
- 3 For I am full of trouble; *
my life is at the brink of the grave.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down to the Pit; *
I have become like one who has no strength;
- 5 Lost among the dead, *
like the slain who lie in the grave,
- 6 Whom you remember no more, *
for they are cut off from your hand.

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- 7 You have laid me in the depths of the Pit, *
in dark places, and in the abyss.
- 8 Your anger weighs upon me heavily, *
and all your great waves overwhelm me.
- 9 You have put my friends far from me;
you have made me to be abhorred by them; *
I am in prison and cannot get free.
- 10 My sight has failed me because of trouble; *
LORD, I have called upon you daily;
I have stretched out my hands to you.
- 11 Do you work wonders for the dead? *
will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?
- 12 Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? *
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

ANTIPHON

- 13 Will your wonders be known in the dark? *
or your righteousness in the country where all
is forgotten?

- 14 But as for me, O LORD, I cry to you for help; *
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
- 15 LORD, why have you rejected me? *
why have you hidden your face from me?
- 16 Ever since my youth, I have been wretched and at the
point of death; *
I have borne your terrors with a troubled mind.
- 17 Your blazing anger has swept over me; *
your terrors have destroyed me;
- 18 They surround me all day long like a flood; *
they encompass me on every side.
- 19 My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me, *
and darkness is my only companion.

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