Stations of the Cross for the Grief and Loss.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

Revelation 21:4

March 26, 2021

Chapel of Christ the Teacher 4:00 pm
Opening Hymn (Verses 1-2)

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Verses 1–3

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want; I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love; I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul; you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth; my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

3. Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side; your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Verse 4

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my pow’r to hold.

D.C.
Leader: (ALL: Sign of the Cross) In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader (Opening Prayer): ... God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE FIRST STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

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

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

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

Reading: From the Gospel of Matthew - Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples, he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

(Matthew 26:36-41)

Meditation:

All stand after reflection
Prayer.
Leader: Hail the Cross.
All: Our only hope.

All Sing: 1st Verse.

AT THE CROSS HER STATION KEEPING / AL PIE DE LA CRUZ SANTA

STABAT MATER

1. At the cross her station keeping, Stood the mournful
   Through her heart, his sorrow sharing, All his bitter
   Jun-to-al pie de la Cruz santa Que del Hijo del
   ¿Qué pe-sar seil guía ri-a A la pe-nía
   En su pre-mó sa cri flecio Par tí ci pa
   Sta-bat Ma-ter do-lo-ró sa Ju-xta cru-cem
   Cu-lus é-ni mam gé-mén-tem, Con-tri-sta-tam
   O quam tri-stis et af-fi-cita Fu it il ia

1. Moth er weep ing, Close to Je-sus to the last.
2. an-guish bear-ing, Now at length the sword has passed.
3. high-ly blesed Of the sole be-got-ten One!
1. cue-po-a guan-ta, Con do-lor su Ma-dre es-tá.
2. de Mâ-ri-a Al mi rar lea go ní zar?
3. del su-pli cio Y la an-gus tía de Je-sús.
1. la cri-mó sa, Dum pen dé bat Fi li us.
2. et do-fén tem, Fer tran si vit glá di us.
3. be ne di cta Ma ter Ú ni gê ni ti!

English

4. Christ above in torment hangs,
   She beneath beholds the pangs
   Of her dying, glorious Son.
5. Is there one who would not weep,
   Wept in miseries so deep,
   Christ's dear Mother to behold?
6. Can the human heart refrain
   From partaking in her pain,
   In that Mother's pain untold?
7. Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,
   She beheld her tender Child,
   All with bloody scourges rent.
8. For the sins of his own nation
   Saw him hang in desolation
   Till his spirit forth he sent.
9. O thou Mother! Font of love,
   Touch my spirit from above,
   Make my heart with thine accord.

10. Make me feel as thou hast felt;
    Make my soul to glow and melt
    With the love of Christ, my Lord.
11. Holy Mother, pierce me through,
    In my heart each wound renew
    Of my Savior crucified.
12. Let me share with thee his pain,
    Who for all my sins was slain,
    Who for me in torment died.
13. Let me mingle tears with thee,
    Mourning him who mourned for me,
    All the days that I may live.
14. By the cross with thee to stay;
    There with thee to weep and pray,
    All I ask of thee to give.
15. Virgin of all Virgins best!
    Listen to my fond request:
    Let me share thy grief divine.

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THE SECOND STATION: JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

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

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

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of Mark - Then, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him.

(Mark 14: 43-46)

Meditation:

All stand after reflection

Prayer.-

Leader: Hail the Cross.

All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 2nd Verse

THE THIRD STATION: JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME

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

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

All are seated for the reading and reflection…
SATATION OF THE CROSS FOR THE GRIEF AND LOSS.

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of Luke - When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth."

(Luke 22: 66-71)

Meditation: 

All stand after reflection

Prayer:-
Leader: Hail the Cross.
All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 3rd Verse

THE FOURTH STATION: JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.
ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of Matthew - Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again, he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives
you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

(Matthew 26: 69-75)

Meditation:

All stand after reflection

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.
All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 4th Verse

THE FIFTH STATION: SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY THE CROSS

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.
ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of Mark - The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again, Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed…. Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas… and handed Jesus over to be crucified.
(Mark 15: 1-5, 15)
**SATATION OF THE CROSS FOR THE GRIEF AND LOSS.**

*Meditation:*

*All stand after reflection*

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.
All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 5th Verse

**THE SIXTH STATION: VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS**

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

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

*All are seated for the reading and reflection…*

SCRIPTURE: *From the Gospel of John - 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.*

*(John 19: 1-3)*

*Meditation:*

*All stand after reflection*

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.
All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 6th Verse

**THE SEVENTH STATION: JESUS FALLS FOR THE SECOND TIME**

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.
ALL: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of John - When the chief priests and the guards saw [Jesus] they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." ... They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So, they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. (John 19: 6, 15-17)

Meditation:

All stand after reflection

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.
All: Our only hope.
All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 7th Verse

THE EIGHTH STATION: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

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

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

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of Mark - 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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(Mark 15: 21)
Meditation:

All stand after reflection

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.

All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 8th Verse

THE NINTH STATION: JESUS FALLS FOR THE THIRD TIME

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

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

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of Luke - 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?"

(Luke 23: 27-31)

Meditation:

All stand after reflection

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.
**All:** Our only hope.

**All Sing:** At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 9th Verse

THE TENTH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

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

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

_All are seated for the reading and reflection…_

**SCRIPTURE:** From the Gospel of Luke - When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."
(Luke 23: 33-34)

**Meditation:**

_All stand after reflection_

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.

**All:** Our only hope.

**All Sing:** At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 10th Verse

THE ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

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

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

_All are seated for the reading and reflection…_

**SCRIPTURE:** From the Gospel of Luke - Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other,
however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."


Meditation:

All stand after reflection

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.

All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 11th Verse

THE TWELFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

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

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

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of John - 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.

John 19: 25-27

All kneel together for a reflective pause, and then rise.
SATATION OF THE CROSS FOR THE GRIEF AND LOSS.

Meditation:

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.

All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 12th Verse

THE THIRTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

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

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

All remain standing.

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of Luke - It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this, he breathed his last.

(Luke 23: 44-46)

All kneel together for a reflective pause, and then rise.

Meditation:

All stand after reflection

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.

All: Our only hope.

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 13th Verse
SATATION OF THE CROSS FOR THE GRIEF AND LOSS.

THE FOURTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

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

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

All are seated for the reading and reflection…

SCRIPTURE: From the Gospel of Matthew - When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.

(Matthew 27: 57-60)

Meditation:

All stand after reflection

Prayer.-
Leader: Hail the Cross.

All: Our only hope

All Sing: At the Cross Her Station Keeping / Stabat Mater 14th Verse

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: ...Through Christ our Risen Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to life everlasting.
ALL: Amen

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Verses 1-2

**Take Up Your Cross**

1. Take up your cross, the Savior said, If you would my disciple be; Deny yourself, the world for sake, And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up your cross, be not ashamed! Let not disgrace your spirit fill! For God himself endures to die upon a cross, on Calvary’s hill.
3. Take up your cross, which gives you strength, Which makes your trembling spirit brave: ’Twill guide you to a better home And lead to victory o’er the grave.
4. Take up your cross, and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; For only they who bear the cross May hope to wear the glorious crown.

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