

Stations of the Cross...

Good Friday at Epiclesis

Friday, April 10, 2020



Call to Worship:

We veil our faces before your glory,
O Holy and Immortal one,
and bow before the cross of your wounded Christ.
with angels and archangels,
we praise you, our Mercy,
and we bless you, our Compassion,
for in our brokenness
you have not abandoned us.
Hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest:
heal all division,
reconcile the estranged,
console the suffering,
and raise up to new life
all that is bound by death. Amen.

(Silence)

Stations:

I JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-3, 5 ("Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged...")

II JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

Scripture Reading: John 19:15-17 ("But they shouted, 'Take him away!...'")

III JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 ("Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God ...")

IV JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55 ("And Mary said: 'My soul glorifies the Lord....'")

V THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:26; Matthew 11:28-30 ("As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene....")

VI A WOMAN WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-3 ("Who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?...")

VII JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6 ("Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows....")

VIII JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:27-28 ("A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wept for him....")

IX JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:7-9 ("He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;...")

X JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-38 ("Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to executed....")

XI JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:10-12 ("Yet it was the LORD'S will to crush him and cause him to suffer,...")

XII JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:44-46 ("It was now about the sixth hour, and the darkness came over the whole land....")

XIII THE BODY OF JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 54:4-6 ("Do not be afraid; you will not suffer shame....")

XIV JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:50-56 ("Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man....")

(Silence)

Closing Prayer:

Grieving God,
on the cross
your Son embraced death
even as he had embraced life:
faithfully and with good courage.
Grant that we who have been
born out of his wounded side
may hold fast to our faith in him exalted
and may find mercy in all times of need. Amen.

(Depart in silence)

(Find the art credits for each of the stations on the next page)

Art Credits...

I JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Ecce Homo. Corinth

II JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

Christ Carrying the Cross. Titian

III JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Jesus Falls the First Time. Jen Norton

IV JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER

Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother. James Tissot

V THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

In Unison. Sieger Koder

VI A WOMAN WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Veronica Wipes Blood off of Jesus' Face. From Notre Dame du Finstere, Brussels

VII JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

Jesus Falls the Second Time. Martin Feuerstein

VIII JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Not for Me. Kevin Rolly

IX JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

Jesus Falls a Third Time. Tea Schiano

X JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments. El Greco

XI JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Christ on the Cross. Foursyte

XII JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Crucifixion. Giotto

XIII THE BODY OF JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Descent from the Cross. Edward Knippers

XIV JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb. Caravaggio