

A WORD OF INTRODUCTION

PRAYER

Let us pray,

C I lay myself at your feet, imploring your mercy. I beg you to supply my sinful need with the infinite benefits of your Passion, on which I now Meditate. Grant that as I follow you along this way of sorrow my heart will be turned to true repentance, so that in all the days of my pilgrimage on earth I will worship and adore you, gladly accepting all the suffering which my faith in you may bring upon me. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

Have mercy, O God have mercy!

C O God of infinite mercy! I grieve for love of you. How sorry I am that I have sinned against you. I love you with my whole heart. May I offend you never again. May I love you without ceasing. May I delight in all things to do your holy will. Have mercy, O God have mercy!

Let us go forth to follow Jesus along the Way of Sorrows.

C Amen

FIRST STATION
Jesus is condemned to death

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

C By your holy Cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 27:22-23, 26

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

God did not spare his only Son

C But delivered him up for all of us.

Let us pray. O Jesus,

C for our sake you submitted wonderfully to the sentence of death. Make us remember day after day that our sins prompted the perjury which convicted you. Our blasphemies, betrayals, and hateful lies led to your condemnation by the cowardly judge. Yet for love of us you gladly accepted what we had caused. May this thought pierce our hearts and make us hate these sins which killed you. Amen.

SECOND STATION
Jesus Receives His Cross

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Gospel according to Matthew 27:27-31

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities.

Let us pray. O Blessed Jesus,

C show us the saving strength of your cross and bitter suffering, so that we will submit cheerfully to the trials and difficulties of our days on earth. Help us especially to embrace those burdens which are laid upon us in your name. Make us always ready to take up our cross and follow you. Amen.

HYMN *LBW 123* *“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 1)*
(hymn on back page)

THIRD STATION
Jesus Falls under the Cross

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 53:4-6

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

Surely he has borne our griefs.

C Surely he has carried our sorrows.

Let us pray. O Jesus,

C you bore the heavy burden of the cross for our sin, and fell beneath its weight. May the thought of your suffering make us watchful against temptation; and when the burdens of doubt and fear oppress us, stretch out your hand to hold us lest we fall into grievous sin. Amen.

FOURTH STATION

The cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Gospel according to Matthew 27:32; 16:24

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

Those who take up their crosses and follow me

C Are my disciples indeed.

Let us pray. O Jesus!

C I thank you that you have permitted me to suffer with you. May I always count it a privilege to bear my cross. May I glory in nothing else. May the world be crucified to me, and I to the world. May I never shrink from suffering for your name's sake, but rather rejoice if I am counted worthy of doing so. Amen.

HYMN *LBW 123* *"Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 2)*
(hymn on back page)

FIFTH STATION

Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Gospel according to Luke 23:28-31

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

They that sow in tears.

C Shall reap in joy.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus,

C We mourn this day both for you and for ourselves; both for your sufferings and for our sins which caused them. Defend us, we pray, lest we should ever cease to mourn these things; and in our mourning let your grace be our comfort. Save us from the dreadful judgement which awaits all who reject or neglect you. Amen.

SIXTH STATION

Jesus is stripped of His garment

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Gospel according to Matthew 27:33-36

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

They divided my garments among them;

C And for my clothing they cast lots.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus!

C What shame you suffered for our own most shameful deeds! Take from us, we beseech you, all false shame, conceit, and pride, and teach so to humble ourselves in this life, that we may escape everlasting shame in the life to come. Amen.

HYMN *LBW 123* *“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 3)*
(hymn on back page)

SEVENTH STATION
Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Gospel according to Matthew 27:37-42

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

They have pierced my hands and feet.

C They have numbered all my bones.

Let us pray. O Jesus,

C dear Jesus, crucified for me; subdue my heart with your holy fear and love; and since my sins were the cruel nails that pierced you, grant that in sorrow for my past life I may pierce and nail to your cross all that offends you. Amen.

EIGHTH STATION
Jesus Dies Upon the Cross

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Gospel according to Matthew 27:45-50, 54

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

Christ became obedient unto death.

C Even the death on the Cross.

Let us pray. O Jesus,

C we devoutly embrace that honored cross on which you loved us to the death. Here you destroyed death's sting. In you alone we hope. Send us your Spirit, so that in all the days to come we will live only for you; and whether we live or whether we die, let us be yours. Amen.

HYMN *LBW 123* *"Ah, Holy Jesus" (vs. 4)*
(hymn on back page)

NINTH STATION

Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Gospel according to Matthew 27:54-55

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear.

C And out came blood and water.

Let us pray. O Lord Jesus!

C We thank you that you refused to be taken down from the cross until the world was fully redeemed. Grant that your gracious will may be fulfilled in us; and when our earthly life is over, bring us to eternal rest with you. Amen.

TENTH STATION
Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre

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

C By your holy cross and precious blood, you have redeemed the world.

From the Gospel according to Matthew 27:59-61

Silent Meditation

REFLECTION

You will not leave my soul in hell

C Nor will you give your holy one to see corruption.

Let us pray. O Jesus,

C most compassionate Lord, we behold you dead and enclosed in the holy sepulcher, and we adore you. Grant us our desire to enclose you within our hearts, so that, united to you, we may rise to newness of life; and by the gift of final perseverance may we die in your grace. Amen.

HYMN *LBW 123* *“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 5)*
(hymn on back page)

THE CONCLUDING PRAYERS

O Lord Jesus! What a shame you suffered for our most shameful deeds! Take from us, we beseech you, all false shame, conceit, and pride, make us humble ourselves in this life, that we may escape everlasting shame in the life to come.

C Amen

I will tell your name to my brothers and sisters,

C in the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

Praise the Lord and fear him. Stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel.

C You all of Jacobs line, Give glory.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

God forbid that I should glory;

C Save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sakes was scourged, made to bear His Cross, and crucified, bless us **✝** and keep us from all sin.

C Amen.

All are requested to leave quietly

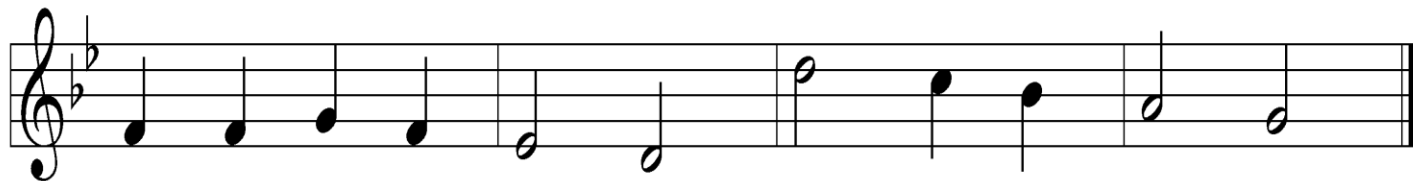
Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that man to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for man's a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.



GOOD FRIDAY

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

Greeters: Council Members
Pianist: Kaia Holt
Lay Reader: Jeff Schmitt
Video: Lori Keller
Audio: Keith Keller

Easter Morning Service at St. Paul's – 9:00 AM
(Christ Lutheran will have a Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM)



Mission Statement: *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*
