



**LOVE GOD. LOVE YOUR  
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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Good Friday  
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**OPENING HYMN**

LEVAS II 70. I want Jesus to walk with me

Carl Haywood

I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want Jesus to walk with me.  
All along my pilgrim journey,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.  
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*Beginning in the Narthex, we reflect on this painting of the table set at the Last Supper. What does it mean to eat with Jesus?*

## OPENING DEVOTION

*Officiant* In the Name of the Father: and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy.

**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  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*V.* We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

*R.* **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

John 13:1-7 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The devil had already decided[a] that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

**Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE FIRST STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Farmworkers arrested while picking food to feed us. Caregivers arrested while carrying for our family members. Laborers and construction workers arrested and condemned for building homes and businesses we need. Like Jesus, immigrants are frequently scapegoated for sins that have nothing to do with them. Our own fears, worries, and concerns about the future.

Hands Up - Lety Alvarez

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People* **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to die." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

*Officiant* God did not spare his own Son:  
*People* **But delivered him up for us all.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,  
*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Second Station*

## THE SECOND STATION: JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

Jesus takes up his cross to bear our sins. Immigrants bear many of our own sins - a desire for cheap food and housing, unwillingness to pay living wages, and the need to blame others for our own sins. Can we see Christ in the face of the stranger and foreigner among us?

Hands Up - Lety Alvarez

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People* **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

*Officiant:* The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:  
*People:* **For the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow Christ, to do his work and to live out his vision for all of your creation. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,  
*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Third Station*

## THE THIRD STATION: JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Alligator Alcatraz is the name given to a detention camp built by the State of Florida in to hold undocumented immigrants. Most of the people held there do not have criminal convictions of any kind and the conditions are said to be terrible, inhumane and intentionally so. Jesus falls as we as humanity fall and fail. Alligator Alcatraz is one example of that failure.

Alligator Alcatraz - Karen Rose

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People* **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

*Officiant:* Surely he has borne our griefs:  
*People:* **And carried our sorrows.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,  
*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Fourth Station*

## THE FOURTH STATION: JESUS MEETS HIS AFFLICTED MOTHER

Floating, fleeting, fluttering softly in the breeze. Carrying life, joy, hope and opportunity wherever they go. Butterflies are signs and symbols of hope, but also of resilience. The journey a Monarch takes from Mexico to North Carolina or anywhere is amazing. Imagine seeing your mother, the Virgin Mary, or anyone you love but see no longer when you see a butterfly this spring. And remember also not just the beauty but the affliction and stress that led to it.

Floating Engineering - Pepe Caudillo

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People* **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

*Officiant:* A sword will pierce your own soul also:  
*People:* **And fill your heart with bitter pain.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,  
*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Fifth Station*

## THE FIFTH STATION: THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

This image, of a man on a ladder painting the sky, reminds me of Simon's helping hand with the cross. We see other hands, maybe God's hands in the top right, and Simon helping out, just as he did with the Cross.

Work to Build Dreams - Jennifer Cruz

*Officiant*      We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People*          **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Officiant:* Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:  
*People:* **Cannot be my disciple.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Officiant*      Holy God,  
*People*          **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Sixth Station*

## THE SIXTH STATION: A WOMAN WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

The tears in this little boy, being held against his will, with no hope for justice, are the tears of Jesus. How many of us long to wipe the tears of children being held in detention in this country?

On the Border - Lety Alvarez

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People* **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

We have seen him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of men. 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.

*Officiant:* Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:  
*People:* **Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,  
*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Seventh Station*

## THE SEVENTH STATION: JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

When we fall we look for help. Sometimes it is friends and family. Sometimes total strangers. Sometimes it is our pets that remind us what love looks like. Here the artist reflects on how his cat has helped him. Who are the unexpected helpers that have helped you when you have fallen down? Who have helped you get back up?

The Cat is Helping Me - Luis MacKinney

*Officiant*      We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People*          **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

*Officiant:* But as for me, I am a worm and no man:  
*People:* **Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Officiant*      Holy God,  
*People*          **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Eighth Station*

## THE EIGHTH STATION: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

As Jesus makes his way to the Golgotha - he encounters a group of women who are boldly defying religious and political authorities that are seeking to arrest and remove from the city anyone associated with Jesus. But they defy the authorities and mourn for Christ's death. Many immigrant women know this story too well - choosing between hiding and standing up to support their children and families in difficult times.

Cornelio Campos - Pasaporte

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

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

There followed after Jesus a great multitude of the people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

*Officiant:* Those who sowed with tears:

*People:* **Will reap with songs of joy.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,

*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Ninth Station*

## THE NINTH STATION: JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

Two Nopales are the fruit of the cactus, and can be a small source of water and nutrition in the desert. How many migrants lost in the desert have fallen and relied on nopales or other harvested fruits to survive?

When we fall, where do we look for sustenance? Where do we find hope?

“Nopales/Cactus” Pepe Caudillo

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

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

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged me and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes. “Remember, O Lord, my affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!”

*Officiant:* He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:

*People:* **And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,

*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Tenth Station*

## THE TENTH STATION: JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

This painting shows the compass of a traveler. Who are we when we are stripped of everything that feels familiar? Where does your compass point when you are out of your comfort zone?

So many immigrants reinvent themselves when they come to a new place. Like Jesus they are stripped of their garments and become something new.

”Traveller” Cornelio Campos

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

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

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing.”

*Officiant:* They gave me gall to eat:

*People:* **And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,

*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Eleventh Station*

## THE ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Four? Where is the forth? When Jesus is on the cross with a man to his left and a man to his right, all three of them are aware that they are not alone on that hill. God is present. When we feel lost, alone, or at the end of our rope, may we also remember that God is right there with us as well.

Four Friends - Pepe Caudillo

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People* **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

*Officiant:* They pierce my hands and my feet:  
*People:* **They stare and gloat over me.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,  
*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Twelfth Station*

## THE TWELFTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

In the last five years, more than 1,000 migrants died in the Arizona desert trying to cross the border. Many of these were coming to work, to reconnect with family, to make it to a wedding or quinceanera, or to start a new job. The realities of our decades-long broken immigration system contributes greatly to this reality. Why do we sacrifice so many lives because of our own stubbornness?

Desert Sunset - Luis MacKinney

*Officiant* We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People* **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished!" And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head, and handed over his spirit.

*Officiant:* Christ for us became obedient unto death:  
*People:* **Even death on a cross.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Holy God,  
*People* **Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Thirteenth Station*

**THE THIRTEENTH STATION:  
THE BODY OF JESUS IS PLACED IN THE ARMS OF HIS  
MOTHER**

The 'Pieta' - the virgin mary holding the body of her son is one of the most classic and enduring images in Art. Perhaps because it is such a universal emotion and fear.

Imagine not being able to hold your son because of a line on a map, or because of an opaque and incongruous immigration system. Jesus is present there as well.

"Mother Holding Her Son" - Luis MacKinney

*Officiant*     We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
*People*        **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. "Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me."

*Officiant:* Her tears run down her cheeks:  
*People:* **And she has none to comfort her.**

*Officiant*     Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

*Officiant*     Holy God,  
*People*        **Holy and Mighty,  
                  Holy Immortal One,  
                  Have mercy upon us.**

*The procession goes to the Fourteenth Station*

## THE FOURTEENTH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

We almost instinctually bring flowers to the graveside when we visit someone we love but see no longer. I imagine the flowers, and scents and spices that the women brought with them to Jesus' tomb. The universality of this moment is a reminder of how much we have in common with Christ in this moment, and how much we have in common with so many other people in this world.

Can we see ourselves in those lives and stories? As we see ourselves in Christ's story?

Inside Every Flower - Howard Raalo

*Officiant*      We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

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

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

*Officiant:* You will not abandon me to the grave:

*People:* **Nor let your holy One see corruption.**

*The procession proceeds to the altar*

*At the Altar*

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

*People:* **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. **Amen.**







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