



# Stations of the Cross/Compline

Lenten Wednesday Evening Worship

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The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

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Our Wednesday evening Lenten worship will be a journey on The Way of the Cross, moving through two or three stations each week for the 6 weeks of Lent. Each evening will end with Compline.

*The people's responses are in bold.*

## The Way of the Cross

*The people stand as able.*

### OPENING DEVOTIONS

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

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

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

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.**

## **Fifth Station**

### **The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene**

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

**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."

V. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:

R. **Cannot be my disciple.**

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.**

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

## **Sixth Station**

### **A woman wipes the face of Jesus**

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

**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.

V. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:

R. **Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

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.**

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

## **Seventh Station**

### **Jesus falls a second time**

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

**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.

V. But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

R. **Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

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 forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

**MOMENT FOR SILENT CONTEMPLATION**

*Officiant* The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;  
*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

### THE CONFESSION OF SINS *(source: Enriching Our Worship)*

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The Officiant then says*

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; "  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,  
"Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

**Thanks be to God.**

- V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
**R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**
- V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
**R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

- Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer;  
*People* **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The Officiant then says one or both of the following Collects*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying,

soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Canticle 17** The Song of Simeon *Luke 2:29-32*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
bless us and keep us. **Amen.**