

# The Way of the Cross March 27, 2018

#### **Opening Devotions**

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

Leader Lord, have mercy.People Christ, have mercy.Leader Lord, have mercy.

#### Leader and People

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, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Leader 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*.

## I. Mary of Bethany anoints Jesus

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As Jesus sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial."

Leader 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*.

### II. A woman at the temple gate questions Peter

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After Jesus was arrested, Simon Peter and another disciple followed him. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

Leader 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 profess his name and follow him; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*.

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

#### III. The wife of Pilate warns him of her dream

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While Pilate was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him: "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. Pilate the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!"

Leader 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*.

### IV. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

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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."

Leader 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*.

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## V. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

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As Jesus carried his cross, a woman followed him along the way. She approached him with a white cloth and wiped the blood and sweat from his face.

Leader Let us pray. (Silence)

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior came not to be served but to serve: Give us grace to minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

### VI. Jesus is nailed to the Cross

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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."

Leader 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*.

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### VII. Mary is with Jesus when he dies

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Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour, the disciple took her into his own home. Then Jesus 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.

Leader 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*.

## VIII. Mary and Mary Magdalene keep vigil at Jesus' tomb

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Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When the body of Jesus was buried and evening came, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained, sitting opposite the tomb.

Leader 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*.

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## Weekly Calendar

- Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am, and 5pm and every Wednesday at 7:30am; Silent Contemplative Prayer is offered Monday through Friday at 8:45am, unless otherwise noted.
- Senior Choir has rehearsal every Thursday evening at 7:30pm and every Sunday at 9am; Junior Choir has rehearsal every Sunday at 9am, unless otherwise noted.
- Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Fridays, 9am to 12pm.
- 12-Step Programs Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Sober Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

## Holy Week & Easter Services

#### Wednesday, March 28

7:30pm Senior Choir Practice 7:30pm Service of Tenebrae

#### Maundy Thursday, March 29

7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service with Foot Washing 9pm Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil (through 9am)

#### Good Friday, March 30

Noon Good Friday Liturgy 2pm Good Friday Service & Hot Cross Buns 7:30pm Good Friday Liturgy

#### Holy Saturday, March 31

9am Holy Saturday Service5pm Junior Choir Rehearsal6:30pm Senior Choir Practice7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter and HolyEucharist

#### Easter Sunday, April 1

NO 8am Service

9am Festival Holy Eucharist (with childcare)

NO 10am Service

10am Easter Egg Hunt 11am Festival Holy Eucharist **NO 5pm Service** 

Monday, April 2

Parish Office Closed

