

# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✂ Good Friday ✂  
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*The Via Dolorosa*

*Inspired by Christ,  
living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community  
of worship, witness, and service in God's world.*

**Call to  
Worship**

**Invocation  
and Prayer**

*Please stand as  
you are able.*

**First Station:**  
*Jesus in the  
Garden of  
Gethsemane*

**Second Station:**  
*Jesus, Betrayed  
by Judas, is  
Arrested*

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

Dear friends in Christ, again this day, the day in which our Lord died, and rested in death in the kingdom of the dead, we have gathered to hear the story of his selfless and life-giving sacrifice upon the cross. Let us mark, therefore, the events and words of this day which proclaim God's victory and our salvation. Solemnly, may we pass before his cross and contemplate his act of love and mercy, forgiveness and grace.

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

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

**Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

Almighty Father, look with loving mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded***

*O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down.*

*Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.*

*O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!*

*Yes, tho' despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.*

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."  
*(Matthew 26:36-41)*

Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom that we may seek to follow your will in all things. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee, Thou noble countenance,*

*Tho' mighty worlds shall fear Thee And flee before Thy glance.*

*How art Thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!*

*How doth Thy visage languish That once was bright as mourn!*

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Then, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived,

accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him. *(Mark 14: 43-46)*

Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*Now from Thy cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;  
From Thy red lips is banished The splendor that was there.  
Grim Death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.*

**Third Station:**  
*Jesus is  
Condemned by  
the Sanhedrin*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth."

*(Luke 22: 66-71)*

Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*My burden in Thy Passion, Lord, Thou hast born for me,  
For it was my transgression Which bro't this woe on Thee.  
I cast me down before Thee; Wrath were my rightful lot.  
Have mercy, I implore Thee; Redeemer, spurn me not!*

**Fourth Station:**  
*Jesus is Denied  
by Peter*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly. *(Matthew 26: 69-75)*

Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.  
Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.  
Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;  
Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heavenly joys above.*

**Fifth Station:**  
*Jesus is Judged  
by Pilate*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.... Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas... [and] handed [Jesus] over to be crucified. (*Mark 15: 1-5, 15*)

Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see, not as the world sees.  
**Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*Here I will stand beside Thee, From Thee I will not part;  
O Savior, do not chide me! When breaks Thy loving heart,  
When soul and body languish in death's cold, cruel grasp,  
Then, in Thy deepest anguish, Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.*

**Sixth Station:**  
*When Jesus is  
Scourged and  
Crowned with  
Thorns*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly. (*John 19: 1-3*)

Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*The joy can ne'er be spoken, Above all joys beside,  
When in Thy body broken I thus with safety hide.  
O Lord of Life, desiring Thy glory now to see,  
Beside Thy cross expiring, I'd breathe my soul to Thee.*

**Seventh Station:**  
*Jesus Bears the  
Cross*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When the chief priests and the guards saw Jesus they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and

carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. *(John 19: 6, 15-17)*

Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*What language shall I borrow To Thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.*

**Eighth Station:**  
*Jesus is Helped  
by Simon the  
Cyrenian to  
Carry the Cross*

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

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. *(Mark 15: 21)*

Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth.  
**Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*My Savior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;  
Then let Thy presence cheer me, Forsake me nevermore.  
When soul and body languish, Oh, leave me not alone,  
But take away mine anguish By virtue of Thine own!*

**Ninth Station:**  
*Jesus Meets the  
Women of  
Jerusalem*

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

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time, people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?" *(Luke 23: 27-31)*

Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*Be Thou my Consolation, My Shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.*

**Tenth Station:**  
*Jesus is  
Crucified*

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

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." *(Luke 23: 33-34)*

Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

***Ah, Holy Jesus***

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!*

**Eleventh  
Station:** *Jesus  
Promises His  
Kingdom to the  
Good Thief*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."  
*(Luke 23: 39-43)*

Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you. **Amen.  
Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.*

**Twelfth Station:**  
*Jesus Speaks to  
His Mother and  
the Disciple*

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

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.  
*John 19: 25-27*

Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need.  
**Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.  
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.*

**Thirteenth  
Station:** *Jesus  
Dies on the  
Cross*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.  
*(Luke 23: 44-46)*

**Fourteenth  
Station:** *Jesus  
is Placed in the  
Tomb*

Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth in ended our spirits may come to you without delay. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.*

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. (*Matthew 27: 57-60*)

Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need. **Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.*

**Homily**

**Litany at the  
Cross**

**Litany at the Cross**

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way. I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit. I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you give me a crown of thorns. I gave you a kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, gave you my peace and my truth, but

you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink; a stranger, and you do not welcome me, naked and you do not clothe me, sick and in prison, and you did not visit me, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

**Veneration of the Cross** (*To be spoken three times*)

Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

**Anthem**

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*  
*Dubois' The Seven Last Words of Christ*

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Concluding Prayer**

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

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

Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**