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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, hear our prayer.

And in your love answer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH



*Today he who hung the earth upon the waters
is hung upon the cross.*

*He who is King of the Angels
is arrayed in a crown of thorns.*

*He who wraps the heavens in clouds
is wrapped in the purple of mockery.*

The bridegroom of the Church is transfixed with nails.

The Son of the Virgin is pierced with a spear.

We venerate your Passion, O Christ,

Show us also your glorious Resurrection.

Eastern Orthodox Church hymn for Good Friday

EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH
35 Lytton Blvd
Toronto, Ontario M4R 1L2
Holy Week, 8:00 p.m.

HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY
THE WAY OF THE CROSS

*The congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.*

GREETING *(the congregation stands as able)*

Blessed be the name of our God,
who redeems us from all sin and death.
For us and for the salvation of all,
Jesus the Christ became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
Blessed be the name of our God.

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PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

(the congregation may be seated)

Gracious God,
made known in the amazing gift of Jesus Christ,
pour your blessing on our heads and hands,
on hearts and feet this holy night,
that once again we may commit ourselves
to following the way of your cross.
When we are too quick to judge,
when we betray the confidence of another,
when we seek another's downfall to secure ourselves,
or when we are ruled by our fears rather than your love,
forgive us and call us back to your way.
Make us people who absorb the hurt of the world
and who give others encouragement and support,
even as Christ took all the pain of the world

The Thirteenth Station
Jesus dies on the Cross

Mark 15:33-37



33 When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' 35When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' 36And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' 37Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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The Fourteenth Station
The Burial of Jesus

Mark 15:42-46

42 When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. 45When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. 46Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.



⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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The Twelfth Station Jesus Speaks to his Mother and to the Disciple

John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.



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unto himself on the cross. (silence) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE STATIONS

The First Station The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Olives

Mark 14:32-36

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.'



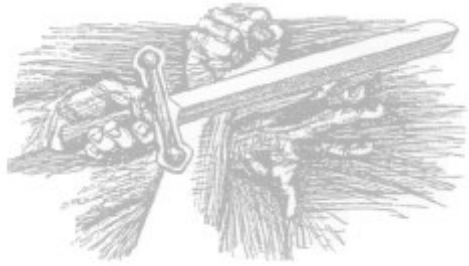
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The Second Station The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Mark 14:43-46

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the

twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.



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**The Third Station
The Religious Authorities Condemn Jesus**

Mark 14:55,60-63

⁵⁵Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' ⁶¹But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' ⁶²Jesus said, 'I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.' ⁶³Then the high



**The Tenth Station
Jesus is Crucified**

Mark 15:22-24

²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.



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**The Eleventh Station
Jesus Promises Paradise to the Criminal**

Luke 23:33,39-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

The Eight Station
Simon the Cyrenian helps Jesus Carry his Cross

Mark 15:21



21 They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

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The Ninth Station
Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Luke 23:27-28

²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.



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priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses?'

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The Fourth Station
Peter Denies Jesus

Mark 14:66-72

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' ⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. ⁶⁹And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.' ⁷⁰But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.' ⁷¹But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I



do not know this man you are talking about.' ⁷²At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

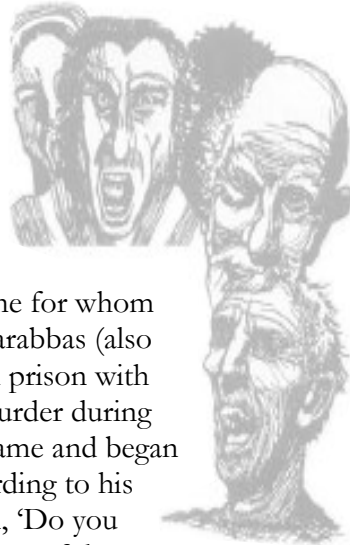
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The Fifth Station

Pilate Condemns Jesus to the Cross

Mark 15:1,6-15

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.



6 Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. 7 Now a man called Barabbas (also known as Jesus Barabbas) was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. 8 So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. 9 Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' 10 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. 12 Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' 13 They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 14 Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

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The Sixth Station

Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

John 19:1-3

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. 2 And the

soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. 3 They kept coming up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and striking him on the face.



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The Seventh Station

Jesus is Mocked by the Soldiers and Given his Cross

Mark 15:16, 18a, 19-20

16 Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. 18 And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' 19 They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 20 After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.



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