

GOOD FRIDAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

MARCH 30, 2018
THE CITY OF CHARLESTON



WHAT IS THIS DAY ABOUT?

On this day, we look back on the arrest, trial, crucifixion, suffering, death and burial of Jesus Christ. Why walk outdoors? Why gather in parks? We commemorate this most important day in the life of the Christian faith by living out Luke 23, where Jesus Himself walks through the streets of Jerusalem with a cross on his shoulders. As He walks He's taunted and mocked all the way to Golgotha where he is crucified.

Today in Jerusalem, pilgrims will carry a cross from the place where Jesus was condemned to death to the place where he was taken down from the Cross and buried on Calvary. Pilgrims carry a large cross themselves and pray at each of the places Jesus stopped, which mark the Lord's own suffering. With a Cross, we too will stop at seven stations, read out of the Gospel of Luke, and offer God praise at each stop.

On behalf of the sponsoring churches, thank you for joining us today as we stop our lives to walk the way of gratitude for our redemption given to us through the shedding of the Lord's blood on the Cross.

Clergy participating in the Stations of the Cross:

Rev. Anthony Thompson, Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal Church

Rev. Holton Siegling, First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

Rev. Rashan Wilson, Impact Church of Charleston

Rev. David J. Butler, St. John's Lutheran Church

Rev. R. Marshall Blalock, First Baptist Church

Rev. Alfred T. K. Zadig, Jr., St. Michael's Church

Guest Reader:

The Honorable John Tecklenburg, Mayor of Charleston

Worship Leader:

Matthew Wilkerson, St. Michael's Church

Bagpiper:

Bill Nuttall

Drummer:

Dennis Gette

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MARCH 30, 2018 | NOON

Pineapple Fountain at Waterfront Park

GREETING AND INSTRUCTIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Officiant: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? People: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we account him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted.

Officiant: But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

People: and by his bruises we are healed.

INVOCATION

O, Christ, who forsook no one but was forsaken by the closest of friends, and who committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal's death, we bow in your presence in awe and adoration. On this day, centuries ago, you could have saved your life, but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had been born. You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as yourself, and when that love required you to shoulder a cross, you summoned the strength to bear it. Today, O Christ, as we sing and pray about the cross, as we follow it through the streets of the Holy City once again, teach us its meaning once again and help us to take up our cross and follow you. Amen.

FIRST STATION

THE BETRAYAL & ARREST OF JESUS

The Rev. David J. Butler, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church

Luke 22:39-53

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

And Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives and the disciples followed him. And when he came to the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear but Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priest and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

(Hymn continued next page)

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM - while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

People: Amen.

Procession

SECOND STATION THE DENIAL & MOCKING OF JESUS

Pilot Boat Dock at Waterfront Park

The Rev. Anthony Thompson, Pastor of Holy Trinity Reformed Episcopal

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

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

Luke 22:54-65

Peter Denies Jesus

Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But Peter denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

Jesus Is Mocked

Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 him; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Procession

THIRD STATION

THE TRIAL OF JESUS

Old Exchange Building

The Rev. R. Marshall Blalock, Pastor of First Baptist Church

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

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

Luke 22:66-23:12

Jesus Before the Council

When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

Jesus Before Pilate

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

Jesus Before Herod

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “O Sacred Head”

O sacred head, sore wounded, Defiled and put to scorn; O kingly head, surrounded With mocking crown of thorn: What sorrow mars Thy grandeur? Can death Thy bloom deflow’r? O countenance whose splendor The hosts of heav’n adore!

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

People: Amen.

JESUS SENTENCED TO DEATH

The Rev. Rashan Wilson, Pastor of Impact Church of Charleston

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

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

Luke 23:13-25

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was mis-leading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.”

Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified

But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

People: Amen.

Procession

FOURTH STATION
THE CRUCIFIXION
First Baptist Church
The Rev. Holton Siegling, Pastor
First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

Luke 23:26-43

The Crucifixion

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Were You There?”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they
crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

People: Amen.

Procession

FIFTH STATION

THE DEATH

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church

The Honorable John Tecklenburg, Mayor of Charleston

Luke 23:44-49

The Death of Jesus

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land
until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple
was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your
hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last. Now when
the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this
man was innocent!” And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle,
when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And
all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood
at a distance watching these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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.

People: Amen.

Procession

SIXTH STATION

THE BURIAL

St. Michael's Church

The Rev. Alfred T. K. Zadig, Jr., Pastor of St. Michael's Church

HYMN "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone My hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought
and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when
strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in all, Here in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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

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

Luke 23:50-56

Jesus Is Buried

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Were You There”

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

BLESSING

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve. May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open you hearts to love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE NAILS

As a symbol of what this day is all about, we ask you to come forward under the cross and receive a gift. As you receive it in your hand, you will note it is a bit greasy, it is messy and it is the pain of death on Good Friday.

Please come forward in this order:

GENERAL: Two lines in center aisle, EXITING via side aisles

SIDE AISLES begin first, walking to the back and using the back Crossing Aisle to access the center aisle. Please EXIT using the side aisles.

CENTER AISLES are second, starting from the back. Please EXIT using the side aisles.

Those seated in the center aisles from the READER'S PEW forward (pew # 42-39, including front crossing aisle pews) EXIT using the center aisle.

IN SILENCE WE DEPART

After you receive this important symbol, we ask that you leave in silence through the side aisles. If you would like, you may return to your pews to stay in the church as long as you want, to pray, ponder, reflect or read. This is your time.



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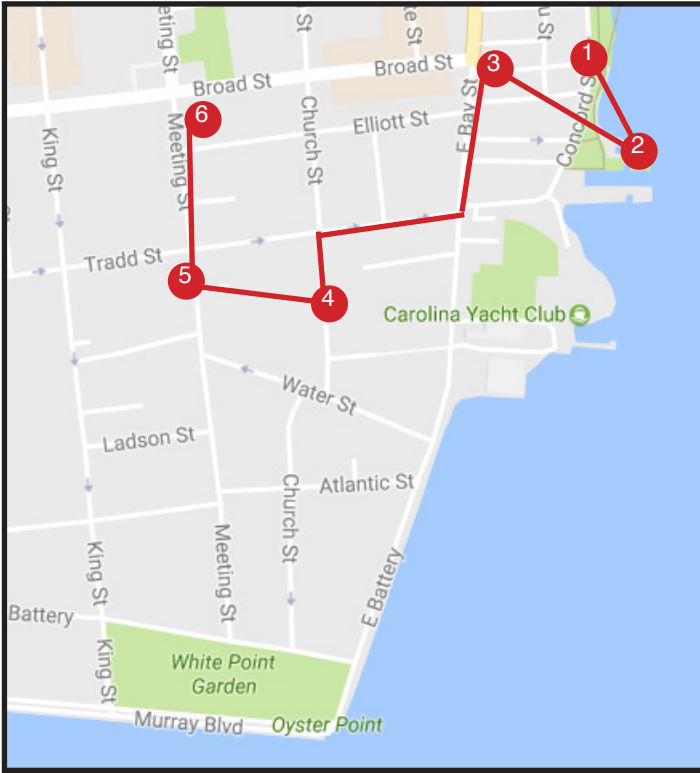
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS ROUTE



1. Pineapple Fountain at Waterfront Park
2. Pilot Boat Dock at Waterfront Park
3. Old Exchange Building (Outside Area)
4. First Baptist Church (Portico)
5. First (Scots) Presbyterian Church (Portico)
6. St. Michael's Church

EASTER SUNRISE CELEBRATION

All are cordially invited to the Easter Sunrise Service at the High Battery (corner of South Battery and East Bay St.)
6:30 am