



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# The Stations of the Cross



*Good Friday 10:00 a.m.*

*Welcome to this solemn liturgy on the day when the Church marks the death of her Lord.*

*The Stations of the Cross developed from perhaps the most ancient reflection on the Passion of Christ, beginning in, and recorded by, the 4<sup>th</sup> century of the Christian era. It saw people walking the 'Way of the Cross' in the streets of Jerusalem, following especially the Via Dolorosa – 'the way of sorrow'.*

*Over time, the practice of walking the way of the cross, and stopping at each of 14 traditional stations, spread throughout the Western Church, initially in the streets of various cities and towns (in Holy Week, it is still followed around the streets of Assisi, for instance); or inside church buildings.*

*In current circumstances, and given the architecture of St George's, 'walking the way of the Cross', traditionally so much a part of this reflection, is not possible. Therefore, as each station is announced, please turn to that station on the walls of the church.*

**The Stations are:**

1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus carries his cross
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets his mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus falls the third time
10. Jesus' clothes are removed
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus' body is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

*The minister enters in silence.*

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

**Amen.**

Then Jesus told his disciples,  
'If any want to become my followers,  
let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.  
For those who want to save their life will lose it,  
and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.'

*Luke 9: 23,24*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*We turn to face each Station, as it is announced. We then say:*

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

**Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*A brief reflection is offered, followed by silence for meditation and reflection.*

*At the end of each station, a prayer is offered, before we pray together:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your 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. Amen.**

*Followed by:*

Lord Jesus Christ crucified: **have mercy on us**

*The Stations end:*

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

Christ was manifested in the body, vindicated in the spirit,  
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world, glorified in heaven.

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

*A final prayer of dismissal.*

*Our worship today continues with the Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday at noon.*