# Stations of the Cross + Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021

# **Opening Prayer:**

God of power and mercy, in love you sent your Son that we might be cleansed of sin and live with you forever. Bless us as we reflect on his suffering and death that we may learn from his example the way that we should go. We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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### Before each Station

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

All: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

# First Station: Jesus prays in Gethsemane

L: Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom, that we may seek to follow your will in all things.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

# Second Station: Jesus is betrayed

L: Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect your good news.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

#### Third Station: Jesus is condemned

L: 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.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

### Fourth Station: Jesus is denied

L: Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

### Fifth Station: Jesus is Judged

L: Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see, not as the world sees.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

### Sixth Station: Jesus is crowned with thorns

L: Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

#### Seventh Station: Jesus caries his cross

L: Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

# Eighth Station: Jesus is helped by Simon

L: Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

# Ninth Station: Jesus comforts the women

L: Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

### Tenth Station: Jesus is crucified

L: Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

# Eleventh Station: Jesus promises the thief

L: Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

### Twelfth Station: Jesus entrusts his mother to John

L: Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

### Thirteenth Station: Jesus dies

L: Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth is ended our spirits may come to you.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

#### Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

L: Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need.

A: Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death unite earth and heaven and reconcile all people to you. May we who have 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, forever and ever. Amen.

