



*St. Paul Lutheran Church*  
*Yorktown, TX*

*Good Friday*

*April 3, 2026*

*We Were There*  
*A Way of the Cross*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\* Hymn**

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

**LBW 109**

**Opening Prayer**

P: Let us pray...

**C: Loving Jesus, along your way of the cross, you met hardened soldiers, condemning priests, and compassionate men and women. As we walk that same way of the cross, let us search our innermost hearts, for they are capable of hardness or compassion, fickleness or faithfulness. Jesus, may we confront the dark side of our hearts and, through your grace, decide to remain your faithful and compassionate followers. Amen.**

# The First Station

## Jesus Prays in the Garden of Olives

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

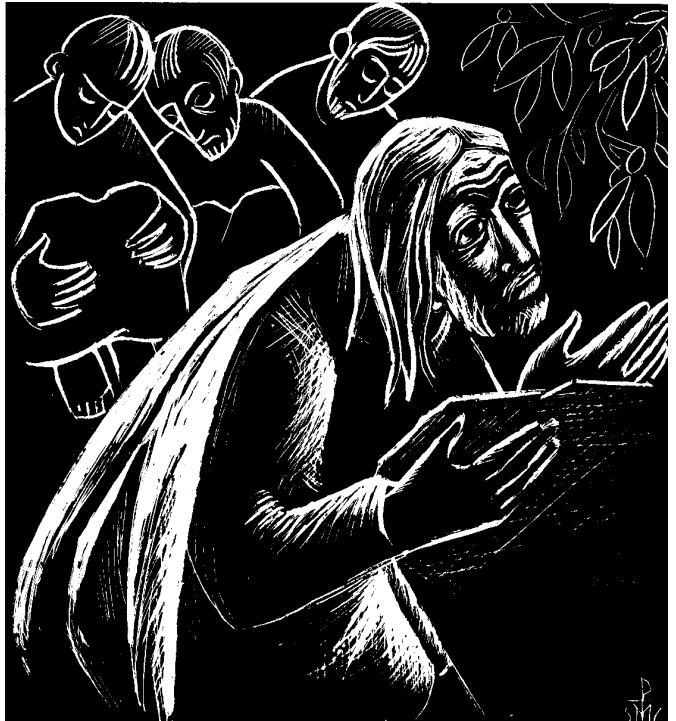
C: **Because by your holy  
cross you have redeemed  
the world.**

Scripture: Mark 14:32-36

Peter

P: Let us pray...

C: **Jesus, just as your  
disciples were insensitive  
to your anguish, we too, are sometimes uncaring about those who  
are suffering emotional and mental pain. Awaken within us  
compassion so that we may be more present to the sufferings of  
others, and do what we can to lessen their burdens. Amen.**



*Were you there when he prayed, “Thy will be done”?*  
*Were you there when he prayed, “Thy will be done”?*  
*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!*  
*Were you there when he prayed, “Thy will be done”?*

## The Second Station

### Jesus is Betrayed by Judas and Arrested

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

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

Scripture:

Mark 15:43, 45-46

Judas

P: Let us pray...

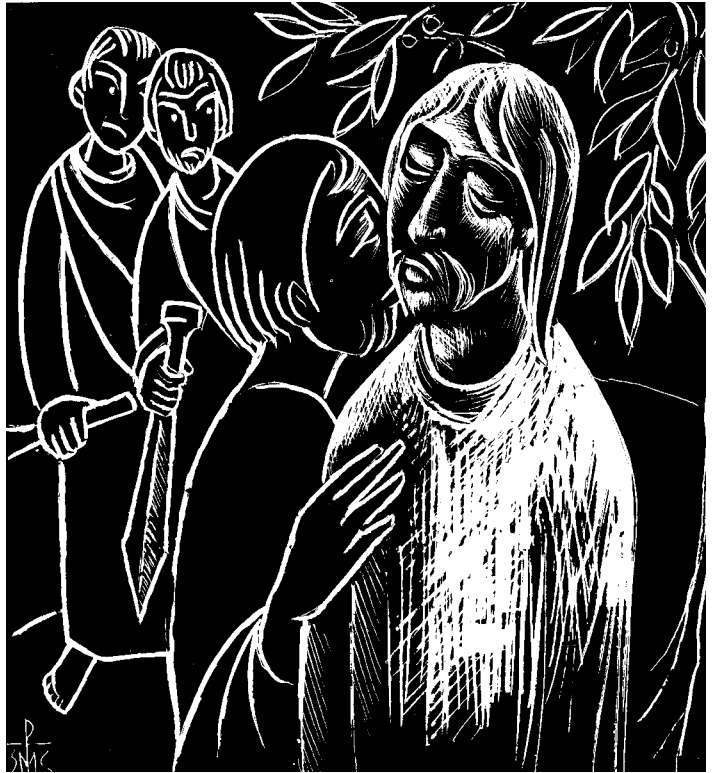
C: Jesus even though we have been unfaithful to you, you have remained faithful to us. Keep us mindful of our own human frailty lest we betray your trust in us. Unlike Judas, who turned away from you, may we turn to you for mercy and forgiveness. Amen.

*Were you there when Jesus was betrayed?*

*Were you there when Jesus was betrayed?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!*

*Were you there when Jesus was betrayed?*



## **The Third Station Jesus Is Condemned by the Sanhedrin**

**P:** We adore you, O Christ, and  
we bless you.

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

**Scripture:**

Mark 14:55, 60-61, 64

**Caiaphas**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** **Jesus, you suffered injustice at the hands of the self-righteous. As  
your followers, strengthen us when we must accept unjust treatment  
from others. Give us the courage to engage in the struggle for  
justice in our world. Amen.**

*Were you there when Jesus was condemned?*

*Were you there when Jesus was condemned?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!*

*Were you there when Jesus was condemned?*



## **The Fourth Station Jesus Is Denied by Peter**

**P:** We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you.

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

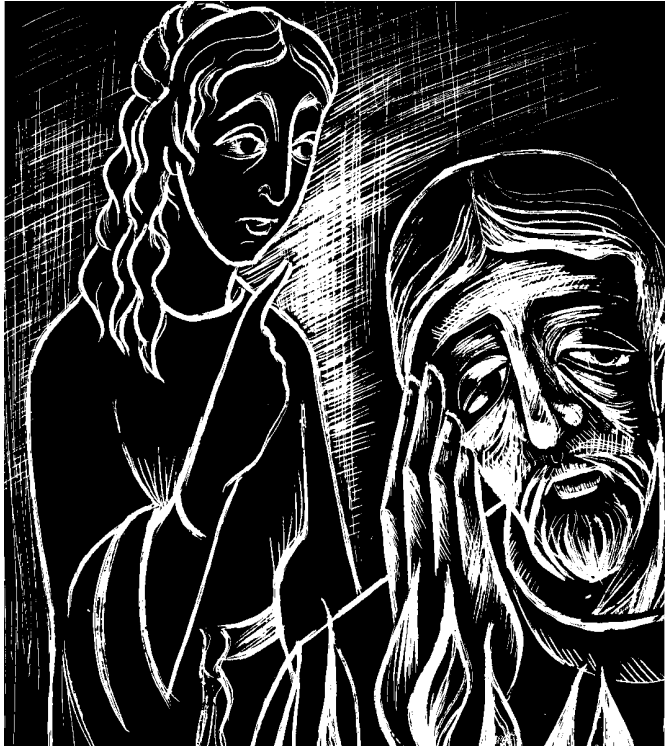
**Scripture:**

Mark 14:66-68, 70-72

**Maid Servant**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** **Jesus, out of fear Peter  
denied you but in the end  
was moved to repentance. Do not abandon us when we deny you out  
of human respect, but bless us with tears of repentance for our sins.  
Amen.**



*Were you there when Peter denied the Lord?*

*Were you there when Peter denied the Lord?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!*

*Were you there when Peter denied the Lord?*

# The Fifth Station

## Jesus Is Judged by Pilate

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

### Scripture:

Matthew 27:15, 17, 19, 24

### Pilate's Wife

P: Let us pray . . .

C: Jesus, like Pilate, we too  
can resist the voice of

God that comes to us from so many sources, including other people, events, and even dreams. May human respect, fear of failure, or the clamor of the mob never overpower the quiet voice of our conscience. Amen.



*Were you there when she warned him of her dreams?  
Were you there when she warned him of her dreams?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when she warned him of her dreams?*

## **The Sixth Station Jesus Is Crowned with Thorns and Scourged**

**P:** We adore you, O Christ, and  
we bless you.

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

**Scripture:** Mark15:15-20

**Soldier**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** **Jesus, in silence you suffered  
the cruelty and mockery of  
the Roman soldiers. Out of deep love for us you endured so much.  
May we see your face in every human being we meet, especially in  
the most persecuted and abandoned. Amen.**



*Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?  
Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?*

# **The Seventh Station**

## **Jesus is Laden with the Cross**

**P:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

**Scripture:**

Mark 15:6-9, 11-13, 15

**Barabbas**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** Jesus, Barabbas was set free while you, the innocent one, were put to death for the sins of all. With grateful hearts, we pour out our thanks for the many gifts you have given us through the cross, especially forgiveness of sin. Amen.



*Were you there when he bore the wooden cross?  
Were you there when he bore the wooden cross?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when he bore the wooden cross?*

# The Eighth Station

## Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian

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

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

Scripture: Mark 15:21

### Simon of Cyrene

P: Let us pray . . .

C: Jesus, on your lonely journey, you welcomed the help of Simon, a passerby.

At first he shouldered your cross with anger but later accepted it willingly. In truth, we all feel resistance to bearing the cross. Give us courageous hearts to bear our own burdens and generous hearts to share the burdens of others. Amen.

*Were you there when Simon helped the Lord?  
Were you there when Simon helped the Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when Simon helped the Lord?*



# **The Ninth Station**

## **Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem**

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

**Scripture:** Luke 23:27-31

### **Anonymous Woman**

**P:** Let us pray . . .  
**C:** **Jesus, you asked the women to weep for themselves and their children. Give us the tears of true sorrow for our personal sins and have mercy on the sins of our generation. Amen.**



*Were you there when the women wept for him?  
Were you there when the women wept for him?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when the women wept for him?*

## **The Tenth Station**

### **Jesus is Crucified**

**P:** We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you.

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

**Scripture:** Mark 15:22-24

#### **Soldier Under the Cross**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** Jesus, the three hours  
you spent on the cross  
were hours of letting go:  
your robe to some  
soldier, your mother to John, and your life for the world. Teach us  
the difficult art of letting go, of dying daily to self so that at our last  
hour we may surrender our lives into your loving hands. Amen.



*Were you there when they crucified the Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified the Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they crucified the Lord?*

# **The Eleventh Station**

## **Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief**

**P:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

**Scripture:** Luke 23:39-43

**Dismas**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** **Jesus, by offering salvation to the thief who repented, you gave hope to all sinners. Make us aware that your cross is a sign of forgiveness, even for hardened sinners. Lead us to accept your forgiveness so that, like Dismas, we too might be welcomed into paradise. Amen.**

*Were you there when he promised Paradise?*

*Were you there when he promised Paradise?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!*

*Were you there when he promised Paradise?*



# The Twelfth Station

## Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

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

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

Scripture: John 19:25-27

Mary

P: Let us pray . . .

C: **Jesus, the mystery of  
suffering must have pierced  
the heart of Mary as she stood  
beneath your cross. At that hour,  
in the midst of her suffering,  
Mary became the mother of us  
all. May we find shelter beneath  
her mantle of care. Amen.**



*Were you there when he said, “Behold your son”?  
Were you there when he said, “Behold your son”?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when he said, “Behold your son”?*

# The Thirteenth Station

## Jesus Dies on the Cross

**P:** We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you.

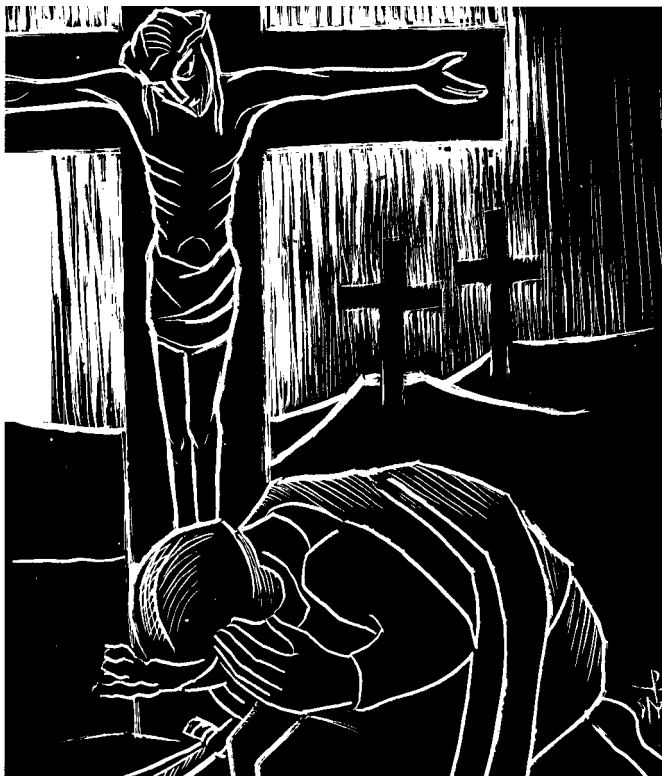
**C:** Because by your holy  
cross you have redeemed  
the world.

**Scripture:** Mark 15:33-37, 39

### Roman Centurion

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** Jesus, through your  
divine patience, goodness  
and forgiveness, you  
opened the eyes of the centurion. Deepen our faith so that we also  
might see you present in the patience, goodness and forgiveness of  
others. Amen.



*Were you there when he died upon the cross?  
Were you there when he died upon the cross?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when he died upon the cross?*

## **The Fourteenth Station**

### **Jesus is Laid in the Tomb**

**P:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

**Scripture:** Mark 15:42-46

**Joseph of Arimathea**

**P:** Let us pray . . .

**C:** **Jesus, you gave Joseph the strength to break through the fears that bound him. Send upon us the power of your Spirit so that we may overcome all fear and announce the good news of your death and resurrection. Amen.**



*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?*

## Closing Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

**C: Jesus, we have journeyed with the characters of your passion and have seen the strengths and weaknesses within the human heart. We have discovered within us that same human heart, with its light and its shadows. Give us true humility to acknowledge our strengths and our weaknesses and to have a compassionate heart for others. Amen.**

*Were you there when he rose and conquered death?*

*Were you there when he rose and conquered death?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!*

*Were you there when he rose and conquered death?*

**The Congregation leaves in silence.**

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