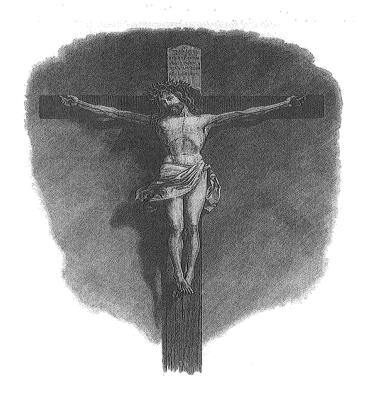
# **GOOD FRIDAY**



# THE WAY OF THE CROSS



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#### **PREPARATION**

Leader: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

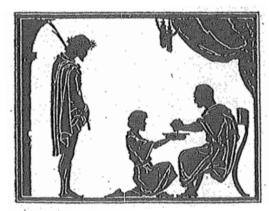
#### THE PRAYER

Leader: O Jesus, our Adorable Savior, behold us prostrate at your feet, imploring your mercy. Vouchsafe to apply to our souls the infinite merits of your passion, on which we are now about to meditate. Grant that while we follow you along this WAY OF SORROW, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that we may be willing to accept cheerfully for your sake all the sufferings and humiliations of this our pilgrimage on earth.

All: Amen

Leader: Let us now follow JESUS along this WAY OF SORROWS.

#### I. JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH



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

All: Because by your Holy Cross and Precious Blood you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Leaving the house of Caiaphas where he had been blasphemed, and the palace of Herod where he had been mocked, Jesus is dragged before Pilate. His back is torn with scourges; his head is crowned with thrown; and he who on the last day will judge the living and the dead, is condemned to a shameful death.

(Silent Meditation)

Leader: God spared not his only Son. All: But delivered him up for us all.

#### THE PRAYER

Leader: O innocent Jesus, who with wonderful and submission was for our sakes condemned to die, Grant that we may bear in mind that our sins were the false witness; are blasphemies, backbiting, and evil speaking were the cause of your accepting with gladness the sentence of the impious judge. May this thought touch our hearts and make us hate those sins which caused your death.

All: Amen

### THE ACT OF CONTRITION (said by all)

O God of infinite mercy! We grieve for love of you, and are heartily sorry that we have ever sinned against you. We love you with our whole heart; may we never again offend you. May we love you without ceasing, and the light in all things to do your holy will.

# THE KYRIE AND GLORIA PATRI (said by all)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be

forever. Amen



Leader: Let us go forth to follow JESUS along this WAY OF SORROWS.

#### II. JESUS RECEIVES HIS CROSS



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

All: Because by your Holy Cross and Precious Blood you have redeemed the world.

Leader: A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness, even with a secret joy, for it is the instrument which will redeem the world.

(Silent Meditation)

Leader: The Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all. All: For the wickedness of his people he has given him.

### THE PRAYER

Leader: O blessed Jesus, Grant us by virtue of your cross and bitter passion, cheerfully to submit to and willingly embrace all the trials and difficulties of this our earthly pilgrimage, and may we be always ready to take up the cross daily and follow you.

All: Amen

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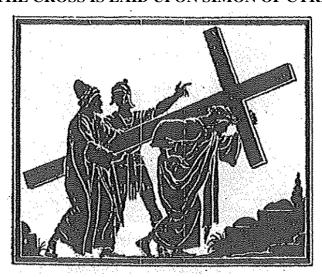
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# In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



Leader: Let us go forth to follow JESUS along this WAY OF SORROWS.

# III. THE CROSS IS LAID UPON SIMON OF CYRENE



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

All: Because by your Holy Cross and Precious Blood you have redeemed the world.

Leader: The strength of Jesus fails him, and he is unable to proceed; the executioners seize and compel Simon of Cyrene to bear the cross.

(Silent Meditation)

Leader: He who takes up the cross and follows me;

All: He is my disciple indeed.

#### THE PRAYER

Leader: O Jesus! We thank you that you have permitted us to suffer with you; may it be our privilege to bear our cross. May we glory and nothing else; by it make the world be crucified unto us, and we unto the world; may we never shrink from suffering, but rather rejoice if we be counted worthy to suffer for your name's sake.

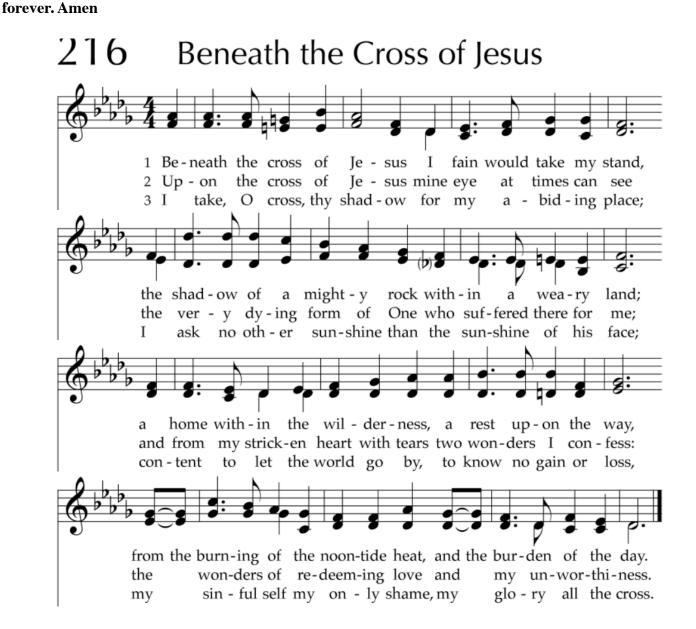
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# IV. JESUS SPEAKS TO THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM



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

All: Because by your Holy Cross and Precious Blood you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Some women in the crowd were so touched with sympathy at the sight of the sufferings of Jesus, that they openly bewailed and lamented him. Jesus knowing the things that were to come to pass upon Jerusalem because of the rejection of him, turned to them and said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

(Silent Meditation)

Leader: They that sow in tears;

All: Shall reap in joy.

#### THE PRAYER

Leader: O Lord Jesus, we mourn and will mourn for you and for ourselves; for your suffering and for our sins. Teach us so to mourn that we may be comforted, and escape those dreadful judgements prepared for all those who reject or neglect you.

All: Amen

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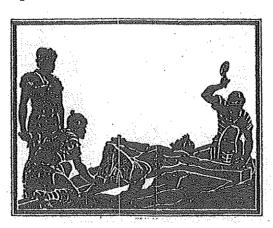
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# 212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



Leader: Let us go forth to follow JESUS along this WAY OF SORROWS.

# V. JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS



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

All: Because by your Holy Cross and Precious Blood you have redeemed the world.

Leader: The cross is laid upon the ground and, Jesus is stretched upon his bed of death. At one and the same time he offers his bruised limbs to his Heavenly Father on behalf of sinful persons, and to his fierce executioners to be nailed by them to the Tree of Shame. The blows are struck; the blood gushes forth.

(Silent Meditation)

Leader: They have pierced my hands and feet.

All: They have numbered all my bones.

#### THE PRAYER

Leader: O Jesus; crucified for us, subdue our hearts with your holy love, and since our sins were the cruel nails that pierced to you, grant that in sorrow for our past life we may pierce and nail to the cross all that offends you. **All: Amen** 

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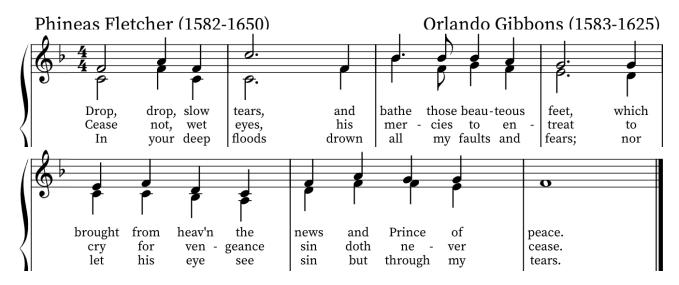
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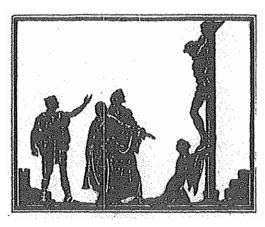
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# Drop, drop, slow tears First strain of SONG 46



Leader: Let us go forth to follow JESUS along this WAY OF SORROWS.

# VI. JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS



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

All: Because by your Holy Cross and Precious Blood you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Jesus has hung from the third until the ninth our upon the cross; the weight of his body is born by his pierced hands. His blood has run in streams upon the ground. In the midst of excruciating suffering he has pardoned his murderers, promised the bliss of paradise to the penitent thief, and given his blessed mother into the care of his beloved disciple John. All is now finished, and meekly bowing his head he gives up the Ghost. (Silent Meditation)

Leader: Christ became obedient unto death:

All: Even death on the cross.

#### THE PRAYER

Leader: O Jesus, we devoutly embrace that honored cross, where you did love us even unto death. And your death is all our hope. Henceforth let us live only unto you, so that whether we live or die, we may be yours. **All: Amen** 

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#### VII. JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB



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

All: Because by your Holy Cross and Precious Blood you have redeemed the world.

Leader: Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb wherein was never a man yet laid. There are they laid Jesus, where his lifeless body remains until the hour of it's a glorious Resurrection.

(Silent Meditation)

Leader: You will not leave my soul to hell.

All: Nor will you let your Holy One see corruption.

#### THE PRAYER

Leader: O Jesus, most compassionate Lord, we adore you dead and enclosed in the holy tomb. We desire to enclose you within our hearts, that, united in you, we may rise to newness of life, and by the gift of final perseverance, die in your grace.

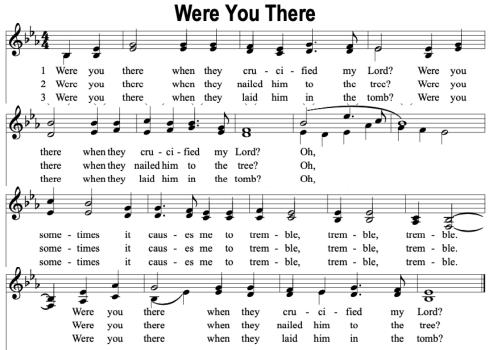
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# **OUR FATHER** (prayed by all)

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 sent against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

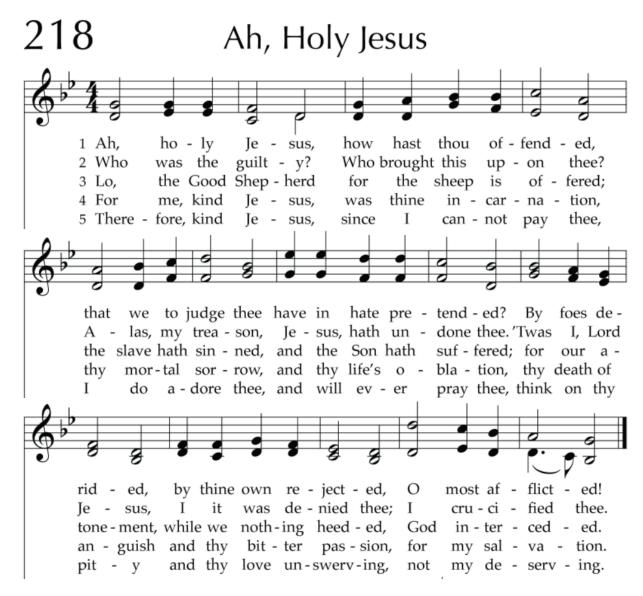
For the Kingdom, and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

All are invited to Stand:

Leader: Behold the life giving cross on which is hung the salvation of the whole world.

All: Oh, come let us worship Him.

(Silent Meditation)



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

All: By your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.