

Sacred Heart Church, Penicuik
Parish of Sacred Heart & St Margaret
Penicuik Churches Together
Scriptural Stations of the Cross
April 8th 2020

Tonight's service should have taken place in the Sacred Heart Church, but of course, at this time, none of us is able to attend church. This act of worship has been prepared to allow us all to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

It is for you to use as you are able: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. Others may wish to listen, and even join in with the singing. This link takes you to the whole service on YouTube:

The Way of The Cross



Before Jesus was arrested, He prayed for all His followers, that we may be one ... (John 17:11, 22)

Bind us together, Lord ... in our brokenness, our weaknesses, in the various directions we take & in our ties ... together help us witness to You & to Your redeeming Cross in Penicuik & the world ... to journey together in Christ is the way of The Cross



Opening Prayer *We pray together:*

**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 gather to reflect on His suffering and death
That we may learn from His example the way we should go.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen**

First Station: Jesus speaks, is betrayed by Judas and is arrested

Mark 14:41-46

'The hour has come. Now the Son of Man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up! Let us go! My betrayer is close at hand already.' Even while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, came up with a number of men armed with swords and clubs, sent by the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the traitor had arranged a signal with them. 'The one I kiss,' he had said, 'he is the man. Take him in charge, and see he is well guarded when you lead him away.' So, when the traitor came, he went straight up to Jesus and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. The others seized him and took him in charge.

We pray together:

Lord, grant us the courage we need
so that our lives reflect faithfully the good news you bring.

Second Station: Jesus is denied by Peter

Luke 22:54-62

They seized him then and led him away, and they took him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. They had lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and Peter sat down among them and as he was sitting there by the blaze a servant-girl saw him, peered at him and said, 'This person was with him too'. But he denied it. 'Woman,' he said 'I do not know him.' Shortly afterwards someone else saw him and said, 'You are another of them'. But Peter replied, 'I am not, my friend'. About an hour later another man insisted, saying, 'This fellow was certainly with him. Why, he is a Galilean.' 'My friend,' said Peter 'I do not know what you are talking about.' At that instant, while he was still speaking, the cock crew, and the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter, and Peter

remembered what the Lord had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will have disowned me three times'. And he went outside and wept bitterly.

We sing / ask ourselves:

Were you there when Peter denied Our Lord?

Were you there when Peter denied Our Lord?

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

Were you there when Peter denied Our Lord?

Third Station: Jesus before Pilate

Matthew 27:15, 17-18, 20-24

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So, when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'But in that case, what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' He asked, 'But what harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.'

We pray together:

Lord, grant us your sense of what is right, that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised.

Fourth Station: Jesus is scourged

John 19:1

Pilate had Jesus taken away and scourged.

We sing / ask ourselves:

Were you there at the scourging of Our Lord?

Were you there at the scourging of Our Lord?

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

Were you there at the scourging of Our Lord?

Fifth Station: Jesus is crowned with thorns and mocked

John 19:2-3

The soldiers also twisted thorns into a crown and put it on his head. They threw a cloak of royal purple around his shoulders and began coming up to him and saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews,' and they struck him on the face.

We pray together:

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

Sixth Station: Jesus bears the Cross

John 19: 15-17

Pilate said: 'Shall I crucify your king?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king except Caesar.' So at that Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. They then took charge of Jesus, and carrying his own cross he went out to the place of the skull or, as it is called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

We sing / ask ourselves:

Were you there when Jesus bore the Cross?

Were you there when Jesus bore the Cross?

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

Were you there when Jesus bore the Cross?

Seventh Station: Jesus is helped by Simon the Cyrenian

Mark 15:21

They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross.

We pray together:

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

Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Luke 23:27-31

Large numbers of people followed him, including many women who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the

mountains, 'Fall on us!'; to the hills, 'Cover us!'. For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?'

We sing / ask ourselves:

Were you there when the women wailed and wept?

Were you there when the women wailed and wept?

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

Were you there when the women wailed and wept?

Ninth Station: Jesus is crucified

Luke 23: 33-34

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

We sing / ask ourselves:

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Tenth Station: Jesus promises His Kingdom to the good thief

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

We sing / ask ourselves:

Were you there when He promised paradise?

Were you there when He promised paradise?

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

Were you there when He promised paradise?

Eleventh Station: Jesus speaks to His Mother & the beloved Disciple

John 19: 25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, this is your son'. Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your mother'. And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

We pray together:

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

Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the Cross

Luke 23: 44-46

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. Then the veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit'. With these words he breathed his last.

We sing/ask ourselves:

Were you there when the Lord said 'It is done.'?

Were you there when the Lord said 'It is done.'?

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

Were you there when the Lord said 'It is done.'?

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross

John 19: 38-40

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one ... asked Pilate to let him remove the body of Jesus. Pilate gave permission, so they came and took it away. Nicodemus came as well – the same one who had first come to Jesus at night time – and he brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths.

We pray together:

Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth is ended our spirits may come to you without delay.

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is placed in the tomb

John 19: 41-42

At the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in this garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been buried. As it was the Jewish Day of Preparation and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

We sing / ask ourselves:

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

“Passion Song”

Video with on-screen lyrics at: <https://youtu.be/MljFNaWoYEs>

The Story of Holy Week

I was with Him when He rode into town
And the crowds gathered round Him like a king
Their smiling faces joined a sea of branches waving
Though they were masquerading in the end
And my heart rose in my throat
When I heard them sing “Hosanna! in the highest”

We went upstairs broke the bread and drank the wine
From the only “Living Vine” that we would taste
And I watched them take Him up the mountainside
Where He was crucified though innocent
And they mocked Him and cursed Him with their mouths
And they told Him to “come down” if He was God
And my heart broke in my chest
When I heard Him say “Forgive them!” “It is finished”

And I remember in the garden
When He sweat like drops of blood
And how He begged the Father to let Him pass the cup
I can still feel the anguish when they pierced Him in the side
And how the ground beneath us shook upon the very moment that
He died.

Three days later
and we found an open grave
and the stone was rolled away where He had been.
Tears of joy streamed down my face
For the angel said “Oh, fear not. He is risen” “Oh, fear not.
He is risen”

We pray together:

Lord Jesus Christ, may we who have faithfully reflected on these stations follow you and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Closing prayer
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

May the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, and the love of
God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with us
all, now and evermore.

Amen