

# SAINT IGNATIUS PARISH

+ St. BARTHOLOMEW - STs. PETER AND ROSE +

## THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS according to St. John, the Beloved Disciple

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### Introductory Prayers

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- Leader:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
God, come to my assistance;
- All:** **Lord, make haste to help me.**  
**Glory be 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:** Most loving Father,  
who by the passion of your only Begotten Son,  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
abolished death,  
and through his resurrection granted us a life that never ends.  
Bestow on us the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
so that meditating upon these holy and life-giving mysteries,  
we may know your love for us,  
so that we may obtain  
the spirit of Christian commitment.  
May we faithfully imitate your divinity,  
by loving our neighbor as ourselves,  
and forgiving those who trespass against us. **AMEN.**

### Song:

Hymn

Cross of Our Hope

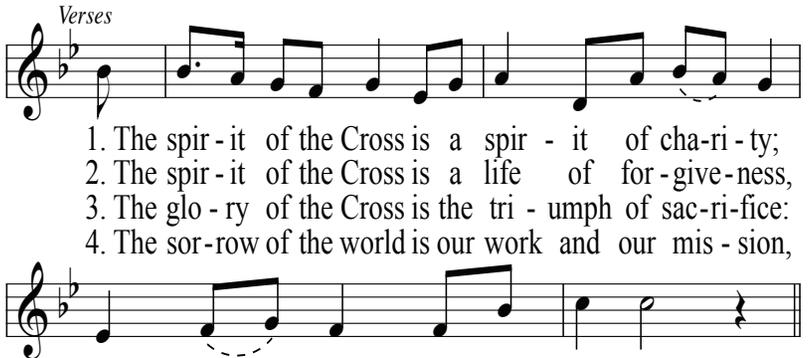
Warner

*Refrain*



Cross of our hope, and tree of our sal-va - tion,  
Sown in our land, and spread near and far,  
Life - giv - ing fruit, our por-tion and our pro - mise,  
A - ve - - - - - Crux! Spes U - ni - ca!

*Verses*



1. The spir - it of the Cross is a spir - it of cha - ri - ty;  
2. The spir - it of the Cross is a life of for - give - ness,  
3. The glo - ry of the Cross is the tri - umph of sac - ri - fice;  
4. The sor - row of the world is our work and our mis - sion,  
Cross of - - - - - Christ, be our glo - ry!  
Cross of - - - - - Christ, be our mer - cy!  
Mys - try of love for your glo - ry.  
Sign of the Cross, be our vi - sion!

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## First Station

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### **JESUS PRAYS FOR ALL BELIEVERS**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one — I in them and you in me — so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

**(Jn. 17, 22-23)**

**All:** **Heavenly Father, grant us to be of one mind in truth and of one heart in charity.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that all Christian believers understand the principle of loving our neighbor as ourselves, let us pray...
- So that love for neighbor be the fundamental aspect of our Faith, let us pray...

- So that we may have the courage to imitate God's love in action, word and deed, let us pray...

**All:**

**Lord,**  
**before extending your arms on the cross,**  
**You prayed that all of us would be unified;**  
**open our minds and our hearts,**  
**to accept and respect our differences as**  
**individuals,**  
**by our effort to grow in love and**  
**understanding for one another and thus**  
**become true witnesses of your strong and**  
**everlasting unity.**  
**Amen.**

**Song:**

Jesus in the garden praying,  
Fears before your fathers laying,  
Yet obedient to His will.

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## Second Station

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### **JESUS IS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.

**Reader:**

The detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.

(Jn. 18, 12-13)

**All:** Deliver us, Lord, from all our enemies, and from any ill feelings against each other.

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** Lord, have mercy.

**Intersessions:**

- So that all our decisions and actions may be motivated for love of Truth, let us pray...
- So that we learn to respect humankind as created in the image and likeness of God, let us pray...
- So that we may learn to patiently endure suffering and never cause others to suffer, let us pray...

**All:** Almighty and Eternal Father,  
even though many times  
we allow ourselves  
to be divided by dissension and discord,  
it is our desire  
to become better human beings.  
Through the grace of your Holy Spirit,  
grant that we may always aspire  
to live in harmony with one another,  
so that hatred may be overcome by love,  
revenge give way to forgiveness,  
and discord changed to mutual respect.  
Amen.

**Song:**

Sold for gain by your disciple,  
Handed over to your people,  
King held captive by his own.

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## Third Station

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### **JESUS IS STRUCK AND CONDEMNED BY THE SANHEDRIN**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

One of the officials nearby struck him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded. “If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?”

(Jn. 18, 22-23)

**All:** **Disperse all bitterness and slander, from our heart. Purify us from resentment and malice.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that we may always be willing to speak and witnesses to the truth regardless of cost, let us pray...
- So that we may never consent to false accusations, uncharitable conversations or any destructive actions, let us pray...
- So that we may have the courage to proclaim the truth always, let us pray...

**All:** **God, Lover of all,  
vanquish all hatred from our hearts  
and grant us  
the gift of gentleness and kindness  
to treat each other  
with respect and tolerance.  
Do not allow us to remain quiet  
before any injustice  
but move our conscience  
to assert the Truth  
and abide by it. Amen.**

**Song:**

Judge of all, you stand convicted,  
Of the sin that we committed,  
All for love you bear our guilt.

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## Fourth Station

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### **JESUS IS DENIED BY HIS FRIEND PETER**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

The doorkeeper asked Peter: “You aren’t one of this man’s disciples too, are you?” He replied to her, “I am not.” It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself. Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, “You aren’t one of his disciples too, are you?” He denied it, saying, “I am not.” One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

**(Jn. 18, 17-18;25-27)**

**All:** **From the fear of being forgotten and disliked, deliver me, Oh Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that when we experience betrayal and rejection we may be able to overcome any pain by learning to love and forgive as the Lord has love us, let us pray...
- So that we learn to overcome all capriciousness, and grow in fidelity to Christ and others, let us pray...
- So that we always remember to live in the security of knowing the Lord is with us and he will never betray us, let us pray...

**All:** **Most Holy,  
Forgiving and faithful Father,  
source of all Good,  
help us to overcome  
all memories and pain  
that stem from human betrayal.  
Grant us your peace.  
Turn hurt and pain,  
into purity of heart,  
and renew our spirits.  
Help us to forgive  
as you have forgiven us.  
Amen.**

**Song:**

Even Peter now denies you,  
Claiming even not to know you,  
Just as you had prophesied.

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**Fifth Station**

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**JESUS IS BROUGHT BEFORE PONTIUS  
PILATE**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

Jesus Said: "... The reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." Pilate replied, "What is the truth?" With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

**(Jn. 18, 37-38)**

**All:** **My Lord and my God, I firmly believe that you are truth itself.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that all may rejoice in the freedom of being God's children, let us pray...
- So that we may learn to patiently endure suffering and never cause others to suffer, let us pray...
- So that we may testify to the Truth, even if it causes us distress, let us pray...

**All:**

**Eternal Father,  
You have made us one  
and have broken down,  
through the Incarnation of your only  
begotten Son,  
all dividing walls of hostility.  
Grant us the wisdom,  
patience and courage  
to speak out against any injustice.  
Cast away from our hearts  
all racism and hatred,  
so that we become  
true heralds of hope  
and ambassadors of reconciliation  
in our parish, home and community.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Song:**

To the ruling powr' delivered,  
By the crowd your verdict rendered,  
Shunned by those you came to save.

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**Sixth Station**

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**JESUS, THE KING OF KINGS, IS**  
**HUMILIATED**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

**(Jn. 19, 14-15)**

**All:** **From the fear of being humiliated and ridiculed, deliver me, Oh Lord.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that we learn to treat others with respect and tolerance, let us pray...
- So that we may never allow ourselves to judge others because of prejudice, let us pray...
- So that we may expel from our heart all our tendencies of self-importance, let us pray...

**All:** **Almighty ever-living God,  
we are often influenced  
by what others think of us.  
And many times,  
we pretend to be someone we are not.  
Cast away from our hearts  
the desire to attract attention.  
Do not let us gloat over praise on one hand  
or be discouraged by criticism on the other.  
Do not let us waste time weaving imaginary  
situations  
of heroics, or pretentiousness.  
Show us how to be humble of heart,  
like you. Amen.**

**Song:** Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled.  
She beheld her tender Child.  
All with bloody scourges rent.

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## Seventh Station

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### **JESUS CARRYING THE CROSS**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

**(Jn. 19, 16-17)**

**All:** **Lord Jesus, grant us your strength to carry our Cross.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that we may lift high the Cross of Christ, proclaiming forgiveness and redemption in him alone, let us pray...
- So that all whose lives are marked by suffering may discover the saving power of the cross of Christ, and be victorious in all their trials, let us pray...
- So that those who embrace the cross as they work for justice for the poor, the oppressed, and the unborn, may find strength and success in their work, let us pray...

**All:** **Almighty and Heavenly Father,  
we praise you  
and give you thanks for our cross.  
Grant us the strength and faith  
to persevere in your service  
and not be discouraged by its weight,  
so that when we become weary and fall,  
exhausted under the weight of our cross  
may we allow you,  
to help us carry it.  
By your grace,  
abandoned to your will  
may we learn to carry our cross.  
Lord Jesus, we trust in you. Amen**

**Song:**

For the sins of all his people,  
Jesus accepted the cross,  
Carrying it to Golgotha.

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## Eighth Station

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### **JESUS IS CRUCIFIED**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: *JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

**(Jn. 19, 18-19)**

**All:** **Cross of Christ, be my sure salvation, my true and only refuge.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that we may come to recognize the sacrificial death on Mount Cavalry, as the only source of Eternal Salvation and God's ultimate sign of love for humankind, let us pray...
- So that us, the disciples of Christ, contemplate the cross as a reminder of God's infinite love for each one of us and find in her consolation and hope in times of darkness, let us pray...

- So that all who are suffering in our community may find the precious and life-giving Cross of Christ as a source of healing, hope and steadfast love, let us pray...

**All:**

**Almighty Ever-loving Lord,**

**You suffered death by cross for our sins;**

**May your cross**

**be our light in times of darkness.**

**Fill our minds**

**with good and holy thoughts.**

**May your cross**

**safeguard us against unholy thoughts and worldly dangers.**

**May your life, death and resurrection**

**preserve us always from all enemies visible and invisible.**

**Receive our souls and grant us life everlasting. Amen**

**Song:**

Arms spread wide our pain embracing.

Stain of blood our sin erasing.

Though nailed fast, your hands still heal.

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## Ninth Station

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### **THE SOLDIERS DIVIDE JESUS' CLOTHES** **AMONG THEM**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment." So this is what the soldiers did.

**(Jn. 19, 23-24)**

**All:** **Lord Jesus, grant us a profound respect for humanity and cloth us with the light of your grace.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that we may be liberated from greed, ambition and worldly values, let us pray...
- So that we may learn to be free from all earthly possessions, let us pray...
- So that by your grace we may understand and believe in the dignity of all human beings, let us pray...

**All:** **Lord Jesus,  
grant us the grace to always see  
and recognize the dignity  
of all human beings,  
in all stages of life.  
We have been created  
in your image and likeness.  
Grant us the ability  
to secure eternal life,  
by becoming one with you. Amen.**

**Song:**

Now the cross as Jesus bore it,  
Has become for us who share it,  
Symbol of our victory.

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## Tenth Station

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### **JESUS DONATES US HIS MOTHER**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

**(Jn. 19, 25-27)**

**All:** **Holy Mary, Our Mother and our advocate, pray for us.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that we may deepen our relationship and understanding with one another, let us pray...
- So that we may faithfully bring forth Jesus Christ in our world, let us pray...
- So that we grow in unity, holiness, and in love for Mary, let us pray...

### **"The Memorare"**

**All:**

**Remember,  
O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to your protection,  
implored your help,  
or sought your intercession,  
was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence,  
I fly unto you,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
To you do I come,  
before you I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in your mercy,  
hear and answer me. Amen.**

**Song:**

Jesus gives to us his mother,  
So that love may be revealed,  
God makes us his family.

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## Eleventh Station

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### **JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**(Jn. 19, 28-30)**

**All:** **The Divine Victim of Calvary is our only salvation.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that all contemplate the Crucifix as a sign of God's immense goodness and love for humanity, let us pray...
- So that no one may render vain the sacrifice of Christ, but that all humanity may be open to its grace, let us pray...

- So that Jesus' death teaches us to graciously accept death in and within God's will and in one's self. May we live in the fulness of life we have been granted. By His sacrifice on the Cross, let us pray...

**All:**

**My good and dear Jesus,  
I kneel before You,  
asking You most earnestly  
to engrave upon my heart a deep  
and lively faith, hope, and charity,  
with true repentance for my sins,  
and a firm resolve to make amends.  
As I reflect upon Your five wounds,  
and dwell upon them with deep compassion  
and grief,  
I recall, good Jesus, the words  
the Prophet David spoke long ago  
concerning Yourself:  
"They pierced My hands  
and My feet;  
they have numbered all My bones." Amen.**

**Song:**

Word of Life, of death defiant,  
Bowed his head - the world is silent,  
Through his death came life anew.

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## Twelfth Station

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### **THE HEART OF JESUS IS PIERCED**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

**(Jn. 19, 31-34)**

**All:** **Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like Yours.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that our parish may continue our mission to build a community of faith, hope and charity, let us pray...
- So that we may replace hurt and injury with the grace of forgiveness, let us pray...

- So that we may look to the past with gratitude and discern God's will in our present, let us pray...

### **“Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus”**

**All:** **Most Holy Heart of Jesus,  
fountain of all blessings,  
I adore you, I love you  
and will a lively sorrow for my sins.  
I offer you this poor heart of mine.  
Make me humble, patient, pure,  
and wholly obedient to your will.  
Grant, good Jesus,  
that I may live in you and for you.  
Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort  
me in my afflictions;  
give me health of body,  
assistance in my temporal needs,  
your blessings on all that I do,  
and the grace of a holy death.  
Within your heart I place my every care.  
In every need let me come to you  
with humble trust saying,  
Heart of Jesus, help me.  
Amen.**

**Song:**

Let the cross be my salvation,  
Jesus death my consolation,  
In that hour when he died.

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## Thirteenth Station

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### **JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there..

**(Jn. 19, 41-42)**

**All:** **Grant us, O Lord, the gift of tears at the memory of your suffering, death, and burial.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that with the strength of will and of the spirit of sacrifice, we may be able to resist all evil, let us pray...
- So that from the humility of the tomb we may be raised to life never ending, let us pray...
- So that our visits to burial places of family and friends may always be filled with faith and hope, let us pray...

**All:**

**O Lord Jesus Christ,  
you were put to death  
so that you would become  
the Author of life,  
and you were buried  
so that you would rise from the grave.  
You set the dead free by your death,  
and you abolished the penalty of sin  
by your crucifixion.  
With that same compassion  
that moved you to suffer all for us,  
hear our prayers,  
and put an end to our misery  
with your heavenly joy.  
As we confess that we have sinned against you in  
the past,  
but now have returned to your mercy once  
again,  
we pray that we may enjoy  
your favor and goodness  
all the days of our life;  
through your mercy, O our God.  
**Amen.****

**Song:**

Hidden from the sight of heaven,  
Earth's dark womb receives our savior,  
Now our hope seems all but gone.

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## Fourteenth Station

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# **JESUS' DISCIPLES DISCOVERED AN EMPTY TOMB**

**Leader:** We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You.

**All:** **Because by Your Holy Cross, You Have Redeemed the World.**

**Reader:**

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

**(Jn. 20, 3-9)**

**All:** **Lord, we proclaim your Death and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**Leader:** Let us pray:

**All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Intersessions:**

- So that all Christians may be willing to witness the resurrected Lord by their life, let us pray...
- So that all oppressed people may come to know freedom, justice, and progress, let us pray...
- So that our community be of one heart and one soul in imitation of the first Christian communities, let us pray...

**All:** **Lord Jesus Christ,  
for our sins  
you endured the cross and the grave,  
and on the third day  
you rose again from the tomb.  
Just as you have cleansed us  
from our sin by your blood,  
and as we  
are buried with you in baptism,  
so by your grace,  
let us share in your resurrection;  
through your mercy,  
O God our Lord, you are blessed,  
and live and govern all things,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Song:**

Life and love are now victorious!  
Paschal lamb, who was slain for us,  
Come and reign as lord of all!

**Leader:** Let us pray,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
true Redeemer of the world,  
when the angel  
rolled away the stone from the tomb  
you triumphed over death in power  
and you first announced your resurrection to  
the faithful women  
who eagerly sought you.  
Deliver us from all weakness,  
take away from our mouth  
any 'stone' which would prevent  
our confessing your name,  
and grant that  
we may always delight in your service.  
May we love you with increasing fervor,  
and receive your eternal comfort.  
Amen.

**Leader:** Through the sign of the Holy Cross;

**All:** Deliver us from all evil Lord. Amen.