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The Church Sharing in Christ’s Saving Work on the Way of the Cross

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Introductory Rites

All make the sign of the cross, as the Priest says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All reply: Amen.

The Priest greets everyone present: The Lord be with you.

To which all reply: And with your spirit.

The Priest addresses the assembly:

Friends, as we walk and pray this Way of the Cross, let us unite ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, who has gathered us in His love and redeemed us by his blood. As he hung upon the cross, his Church was born from his pierced side. By his sacrificial offering, Christ has united the Church to Himself; the Church - that is, all of us who are baptized. We are now one with Christ and Christ is now present in the world through the Church - through us.

As Church, we are called to share in Christ’s mission: to lead people back to the Father, to reach out and help those who are in need - those who are excluded and oppressed, the outcasts of the world, to accompany children and young people to Jesus, and to care for our common home as stewards of God’s creation.

In this Way of the Cross, let us also include in our prayer our intentions for one another, for our family and friends, for our students and coworkers, for our community, our nation, and the world, for those who are in great need, for those who are now going through dark and painful moments, and for those who have gone ahead of us.
May this Way of the Cross unite us more closely to Christ so that we may become His holy Church, sharing in his saving work along the way of his cross.

OPENING PRAYER

Adapted from the Prayer of Blessing a Cross for Public Veneration from the Book of Blessings

The chaplain says: Let us pray together.

Then all pray together:

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Savior and Redeemer. As you hung upon the cross, you have shown the great love of our God and Father for all of us. To redeem us from sin, you allowed yourself to be nailed to the cross. On the cross, you opened out your arms and offered your life: the sacrifice of the New Covenant that brings forth the Church and gives to her sacraments their saving power. On the cross, you proved what you said: the grain of wheat must die to bring forth an abundant harvest - a people you have gained for your Father. Lord Jesus, as we, your Church, pray this Way of the Cross, may we reap the harvest of salvation whose seeds you planted in pain and watered in blood. May your cross be our comfort in trouble, our refuge in the face of danger, and our safeguard on life’s journey, until you welcome us to our heavenly home where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest says: With Jesus, let us walk along the way of the cross.

Then, proceed to the First Station while “Way of the Cross” is played.
The Last Supper

All genuflect to the cross
as Reader 1 says: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

All stand
and reply: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Reader 1: The first station:
Jesus institutes the Eucharist at the Last Supper.

Scripture Passage

Reader 1:

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: Before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said “This is my Body that is for you.” He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples and said: “This is the cup of my blood. Eat my Body and and drink my Blood to remember me.”

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus has given His life for us. On the cross and on the altar, His Body is broken and his Blood is poured out. As Church, we remember and make present this loving sacrifice of Jesus when we celebrate the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we receive Jesus in Word and Sacrament. Do we go to Mass and receive him often? Does Jesus in the Eucharist shape our thoughts, words, actions, service to others, and way of life?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, may we, your Church, be faithful in celebrating the Eucharist as you told us to. May we always want to receive you as often as we can so that we may always be with you and become more like you. May you teach us how to love and serve like you who live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athenathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
kami’y iyong kaawaan.

The next sponsoring group takes their place at the carroza. The banner bearer carries the violet banner. All walk to the next station as the reflection music is played.

Suggested Music for Reflection

1. We Remember (Marty Haugen)
2. Our Blessing Cup (Bob Hurd)
3. Sa Dapit-Hapon (Bienvenida Tabuena NDV / Eduardo Hontiveros SJ)
4. Kaibigan, Kapanalig (Eduardo Hontiveros SJ / Timoteo Ofrasio SJ)
2 Agony in the Garden

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The second station: Jesus prays at the garden of Gethsemani.

Scripture Passage  


Reader 1:

From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. He knelt down and prayed. He said, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.” After praying more, he went and talked to his disciples. Then, the crowd came to arrest him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus knew that he will suffer and die and that it was going to be very painful. It was the plan of God and he had to go through it so he can save all people from sin and death. In the end he obeyed and willingly offered himself as a sacrifice for others. Have we learned from Jesus the same obedience and the same self-giving? Or do we only think of ourselves and our comfort?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, may we, your Church, learn how to obey like you. May we also learn to think of others and their good and not just ourselves and what we want. May we learn to help others even when it is not comfortable for us, even when it hurts, even when we give part of ourselves, because that’s what you did and you live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross while singing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
kami’y iyong kaawaan.

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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. Christ in Us, Our Hope of Glory (Jay Arr Librando)
2. Sino Ako? (Jose Castañeda)
3. Pananagutan (Eduardo Hontiveros SJ)
3 Jesus is Condemned to Death

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The third station: Jesus is condemned to death.

Scripture Passage Matthew 27:1-2, 20, 22-25

Reader 1:

From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

They brought Jesus to Pilate. Pilate said to crowd, “Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” But he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” They only shouted the louder, “Let him be crucified!” Pilate then washed his hands, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood. Look to it yourselves.” And the whole people said in reply, “His blood be upon us and upon our children.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus had no sin and yet he was found guilty. The crowd hated him and wanted him dead. In our communities, don’t we also condemn certain kinds of people to death? We leave people to die of poverty, addiction, illness, violence, and neglect because it doesn’t affect us. We also condemn our environment to death because we abuse it and we do not take care of it. But we are disciples of Jesus. We are called to build a society of justice. We are called to promote life and take care of our world. For those who are condemned by the world to die, will their blood be upon us and our children?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, even if you were all good and you helped a lot of people, they still wanted to hurt you and kill you. People still do this today to one another and to our world. Please teach us, your Church, and keep reminding us that we are all brothers and sisters, that we are all children of God, and that we belong to the same family of creation. Give us courage to stand up for life, truth, and real justice for we have no other Lord but you who live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
kami’y iyong kaawaan.

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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. By His Wounds We Are Healed (David Haas)
2. Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus (John Bakewell)
3. This is My Example (Francis Patrick O’Brien)
4 The Scourging and Crowning with Thorns

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The fourth station: Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns.

Scripture Passage Matthew 27:27-31

Reader 1:
From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
The soldiers beat up and whipped Jesus. They led Jesus into the fortress and brought together the rest of the troops. They took off Jesus’ clothes and put a scarlet robe on him. They made a crown out of thorn branches and placed it on his head, and they put a stick in his right hand. The soldiers knelt down and pretended to worship him. They made fun of him and shouted, “Hail the king of the Jews!” Then they spit on him. They took the stick from him and beat him on the head with it.
The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus accepted all the blows and lashings. The soldiers made fun of him. They put a painful crown on his head and a pretend scepter in his hand. Jesus was hurt so he understands when we are hurt. He knows how we feel when others make fun of us. That is why we, the Church, should help others who are being hurt or mocked. We should not mock the Lord and we should not mock others especially those who are not like us. Do our words and actions hurt others? Do we insult the poor and the earth with our uncaring and lavish lifestyle? Do we rejoice when people are killed in the streets?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you told us that when we feel that the world hates us, we must remember that it hated you first. Give us, your Church, courage to face those who mock us whenever we stand up for what is right, whenever we protect the poor, the vulnerable, and the outcast, and whenever we call out lies and injustice. May your Church keep forging ahead in spite of the wounds for you are the crucified and risen Lord who lives and reigns in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
kami’y iyong kaawaan.

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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. O Sacred Head Now Wounded (Arnulf of Leuven / Hans Leo Hassler)
2. In the Cross of Christ (Marty Haugen)
3. We Will Drink the Cup (David Haas)
5 Jesus Receives the Cross

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

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

Reader 1: The fifth station: Jesus receives the cross.

Scripture Passage

Reader 1:

From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

It was preparation day for Passover, and it was about noon. Pilate brought out Jesus and said to the Jews, “Behold, your king!” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull that they call in Hebrew, Golgotha.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus receives His cross. The cross that was once a tree, a living tree, was made into an instrument of punishment and a symbol of shame and death. God created all things good. God created us good. But we do not take care of God’s creation. We use it to kill and hurt others. We destroy God’s creation. Not only do we not take care of it but we use it to destroy, to kill, and to oppress people. As Church, what have we done to protect the environment? Do we teach our people to be good stewards of God’s creation? Do we stand up against the greed that plunders natural resources?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you are master of all creation - all things came to be through you. Your own creation became the instrument of your death just as we have abused creation and it has now turned on us. Put us, your Church, at the forefront of the struggle for the environment. Help us teach the people of today a better and more sustainable way of living. Help us promote not only human life but also the life of the world for you are life itself and you live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

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O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. Tree of Life (David Haas)
2. Crux Fidelis (Joselito Jopson)
6 Jesus Falls Under the Weight of the Cross

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The sixth station: Jesus falls under the weight of the cross.

Scripture Passage

Cf. Is 52:13-53:12

Reader 1:

From the Suffering Servant Song in the book of the prophet Isaiah.

It was our pain that he bore, our sufferings he endured. We thought of him as stricken, struck down by God and punished, but he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our wickedness. He bore the punishment that makes us whole; by his wounds we were healed.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Reader 2: The cross was so heavy that Jesus fell to the ground. He fell to the ground, tired, beaten, wounded, bleeding. All people carry various forms of burden but there are those whose burdens are heavier than others and there are those whose burdens are caused by other people. Even children and young people today are given burdens that dim their hope and dampen their future. There are many people who are also brought down by their cross in life. As Church and as individuals, have we become a burden for others? Do we unnecessarily weigh down others especially young people? Do we lift our people up or do we throw them to the ground?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you were brought down by the weight of the cross. You know how it feels to fall to the ground in pain, tired of carrying that heavy cross. May your Church be with the people who also carry crosses in life and are also brought down by their burdens. May we feel discomfort when we see people with problems, and difficult lives. May we work to lift the yoke of oppression and unshackle the chains of injustice from all people for that is your will for us and you live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
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Walang Kamatayang Banal,
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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. Unless A Grain of Wheat (Bob Hurd)
2. If I Could Touch You (Manuel Francisco SJ)
3. O God, Why are You Silent? (Marty Haugen)
7 Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The seventh station: Jesus is assisted by Simon the Cyrenian.

Scripture Passage

Reader 1:

From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Simon from Cyrene happened to be coming in from a farm, and they forced him carry Jesus’ cross. Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Simon, an ordinary and simple man, unknown, lowly, a father of two, was made to carry the cross with Jesus. Jesus shares His act of love to those who are open to accept it. Simon may have been forced to do it, but he never withdrew and denied Jesus who came to Him. As members of the Church, we are also invited to carry the saving cross and share in Jesus’ act of love. We may be old or young, popular or unknown, great or lowly. But Jesus calls all of us, whoever we may be, to share in His saving work, and to help others carry their crosses in life.
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, thank you for giving us the chance to share in your loving work of salvation. Help us, your Church, show your love to the ordinary, simple, unknown, and lowly members of our community. Help us reach out to those in the fringes of society. May we actively take part in your work as members of your Church not only in prayer and in the celebration of sacraments but also in the work for justice and development for you are our Lord who lives and reigns in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. Take Up Your Cross (David Haas)
2. Kung ‘Yong Nanaisin (Manuel Francisco Sj)
3. Sa ‘Yong Mga Yapak (Jose Cerino)
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

The eighth station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

A large crowd was following Jesus, and in the crowd a lot of women were crying and weeping for him. Jesus turned to the women and said: “Women of Jerusalem, don’t cry for me! Cry for yourselves and for your children. If they could do this to me, imagine what they could do to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As the women weep for Jesus, Jesus tells them to be sad instead for themselves and their children. Women and children were treated as insignificant and have few rights. Thus, Jesus tells them that they get a far worse treatment than him. Who are the marginalized people today? How easy is it for our society to just set aside people who are poor, who are different, who are ‘public sinners”? Should we stay complacent with the killing of petty criminals? How do we treat children and young people? Do we listen to them or do we set aside their insights and their feelings? Do we weep for them?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you give consolation and comfort to the downhearted, hope and courage to the fearful, and strength and determination to the weak. May we, your Church, console those who are sad and grieving, weep and walk with the people who are set aside, and work to improve their situation. May we learn to value all people for you offered your life for them too and you live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
kami’y iyong kaawaan.

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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. Whatsoever You Do (Willard F. Jabusch)
2. Hesus na Aking Kapatid (Eduardo Hontiveros SJ)
3. God Weeps With Us Who Weep and Mourn (Thomas Troeger)
9 Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The ninth station: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Scripture Passage

John 19: 17-20, 23-24

Reader 1:

From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

They took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews.” Now many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus was nailed to the cross and hung between heaven and earth, between God and man. He became our bridge to God and the ladder to ascend to heaven. We, the Church, are united with Christ on the cross. We, too, bridge the chasm that separate heaven and earth, God and people. As God’s Church, we are called to lead people back to God. Saint Ignatius gave us the spiritual exercises as a means to help people towards God. But do we serve as bridges to God or do our words, actions, lifestyle, and attitudes turn people away and alienate them further from God and the Church?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, on the cross, you stretched out your arms between heaven and earth. You are our way to the Father. May we, your Church, continue to link God and people. May we help people find their way to God and restore people to his friendship. May we channel your grace to your people so that they may come to know you as Lord and you may live and reign in their hearts forever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
kami’y iyong kaawaan.

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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. Take Up Our Cross (Curtis Stephan / Sarah Hart / Marc Byrd)
2. Tingnan ang Tao sa Krus (Albert Alejo SJ / Manuel Francisco SJ)
3. Ang Tao sa Krus (Albert Alejo SJ / Francis Cruz CM)
10 Jesus and the Repentant Thief

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The tenth station: Jesus forgives the repentant thief.

Scripture Passage

Reader 1: From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

One of the criminals hanging there also insulted Jesus by saying, “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and save us!” But the other criminal told the first one off, “Don’t your fear God? Aren’t you getting the same punishment as this man? We got what was coming to us, but he didn’t do anything wrong.” Then he said to Jesus, “Remember me when you come into your kingdom!” Jesus replied, “I promise that today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: On the cross, Jesus continues to forgive. He forgave those who did this to Him. He also forgave one of the thieves. The thief looked at Jesus and saw Him for who He is. He recognized Jesus and his own sinfulness and said sorry. Through the death and resurrection of his Son, God has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. As Church, we are called to the same mercy of Christ and to make available God’s forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Are we a reconciling community? Do we strive to heal the wounds of sin and division?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy. You gave your Church the power to forgive. May we, your Church, recognize that we ourselves need constant forgiveness and so we should be ready to forgive others. May we have the heart to forgive and remember that the Church you love is made up of both sinners and saints. May we lead all people back to you who live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos, O Poong Hagios Ischyros, aming Hagios Athanathos, eleison himas ang luhog ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal, Makapangyarihang Banal, Walang Kamatayang Banal, Panginoong aming mahal, kami’y iyong kaawaan.

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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. Jesus, Remember Me (Taizé)
2. Pagbabalik (Ronnie Alcaraz / Manuel Francisco SJ)
3. Maging Akin Muli (Arnel Aquino SJ)
11 Mary and John at the Foot of the Cross

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The eleventh station: Jesus entrusts his mother to his disciple.

Scripture Passage

John 19:25-27

Reader 1:

From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus’ mother stood beside his cross with her sister and Mary the wife of Clopas. Mary Magdalene was standing there too. When Jesus saw his mother and his beloved disciple with her, he said to his mother, “This man is now your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “She is now your mother.” From then on, that disciple took her into his own home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus loves His own mother and so entrusts her to His beloved disciple. We are Jesus’ beloved disciples today. He also gives his mother to be our mother. As Mary cared for Jesus, she cares for her Son’s Church on earth. As she followed Jesus and stayed even at the foot of the cross, may we also follow Jesus on the way of cross and take part in his offering. With Mary as our mother, let us remember too that we, the Church, are also a family. We are the family of God with God as our Father, Mary our Mother, and Jesus and each other as brothers and sisters.
Prayer

**Reader 3:** Lord Jesus, aside from our mothers who love us, we thank you for giving us our holy Mother Church and another mother in the Church who loves us as you do, your own mother, Mary. May we truly show her our love and respect and look up to her also as an example of how to live our life and how to follow you who is also her Lord and our Lord who lives and reigns in our hearts forever and ever. Amen.

*All bow towards the cross and sing together:*

Dakilang Hagios o Theos,
O Poong Hagios Ischyros,
aming Hagios Athanathos,
eleison himas ang luhog
ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal,
Makapangyarihang Banal,
Walang Kamatayang Banal,
Panginoong aming mahal,
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**Suggested Music for Reflection**

1. At the Cross Her Station Keeping (Jacopone da Todi / Trans: Edward Caswall)
2. Inay (Arnel Aquino SJ)
3. Ina ng Paglaya
12 The Death of Jesus

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The twelfth station: Jesus dies on the cross.

Scripture Passage

Reader 1:

From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Aware that everything was now finished, so that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I thirst.” There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.” And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. The day after Jesus’ death would be both a Sabbath and Passover. It was a special day for the Jewish people and they did not want Jesus’ body to stay on the cross during the day. So the Jews asked Pilate to break his legs and take his body down. The soldiers broke first broke the legs of the other two men who were nailed there. But when they came to Jesus they saw that he was already dead, and they did not break his legs. One of the soldiers struck his spear into Jesus’ side, and blood and water came out.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus’ death is the best image of love - this is how God showed His love for us. This love flowed from Jesus - water and blood from His side. The Church was born from the side of Christ to bring his love to the world and to be his love in the world. We came from
Jesus. We are one with Him and we share in His life. Because we have been saved by Jesus’ sacrifice, we should live, speak, and act knowing the price Jesus paid for us. Jesus handed over His Holy Spirit to us so that we may continue his life and his loving service here on earth.

**Prayer**

*Reader 3:* Lord Jesus, you shared in our humanity and offered yourself on the cross to show us how to live as your Church - that our lives should be a fragrant offering to God and to neighbor. Your death in our humanity allowed us to share in your divinity. As the Church for which you died, may we share in your life and saving work so that we may bring more people into your kingdom where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

*All bow towards the cross and sing together:*

*Dakilang Hagios o Theos, O Poong Hagios Ischyros, aming Hagios Athanathos, eleison himas ang luhog ng bayan mong kinukupkop.*

*O Diyos na lubhang Banal, Makapangyarihang Banal, Walang Kamatayang Banal, Panginoong aming mahal, kami’y iyong kaawaan.*

*The next sponsor takes their place at the carroza. The banner bearer carries the violet banner. All walk to the next station as the reflection music is played.*

**Suggested Music for Reflection**

1. **Behold the Wood** (Dan Schutte)
2. **Way Sukod ang Pagmahal** (Rudy Villanueva)
3. **Pagkabighani** (Albert Alejo SJ / Manuel Francisco SJ)
13 Jesus is Buried

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The thirteenth station: Jesus is buried.

Scripture Passage

John 19:38-42

Reader 1: From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices that Nicodemus brought. They buried him following Jewish custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: Jesus died and was buried in a tomb that didn’t even belong to Him. Here we have a God who understands us because He has gone even to the depths of our humanity, even to our death. He went to our deepest and darkest regions to look for us, to fetch us, to bring us up, to bring us back to God. We were not meant for darkness. We were meant to live in God’s light. We were not meant for death. We were created to live and to live for ever. May we, who are baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, as his Church, also seek those who are in darkness: those who
have problems, sickness, hardship, and grief, those who are in the clutches of poverty, those in the margins and peripheries of society, those neglected and discarded by society, the youth who are set aside. Do we reach out our hand to them or do we leave them in the dark?

Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you are our shepherd who looks for us in the valley of the shadow of death. You do not desire anyone to be lost in darkness but that every one of us be brought to your kingdom of light. Strengthen our hope that we will rise again and take us by the hand to our Father’s house. May we, your Church, also seek our fellow human beings who might be stumbling in the dark and share with them the life and the joy of your victory on the cross for you live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos, O Poong Hagios Ischyros, aming Hagios Athanathos, eleison himas ang luhog ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal, Makapangyarihang Banal, Walang Kamatayang Banal, Panginoong aming mahal, kami’y iyong kaawaan.

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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. Pietà (Tom Kendzia)
2. Now We Remain (David Haas)
14 The Resurrection

Reader 1: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
All: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.
Reader 1: The fourteenth station: Jesus rises from death.

Scripture Passage

Reader 1: From the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Reader 2: We were baptized in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We died with Christ in our sins, and with Christ, we rose again to new life in Him. In baptism, we became members of Christ’s Body - the Church. As one Church, we are the presence of the risen Christ in the world. We continue the saving work of Christ by the power of his Spirit dwelling within us. And behold, He is with us until the end of time. What is our idea of the Church? Do we understand that we are part of the Church? Do we take part in the life and mission of the Church?
Prayer

Reader 3: Lord Jesus, you have shattered the gates of death and opened for us the way to eternal life. May we, your Church, rise to a new and glorious life through the power of your Spirit. To all of us who are baptized into your death, give the power flowing from your resurrection. Set our hearts on fire so that we may proclaim near and far the power of your cross and resurrection as we continue your presence and saving work for you live and reign in our hearts for ever and ever. Amen.

All bow towards the cross and sing together:

Dakilang Hagios o Theos, O Poong Hagios Ischyros, aming Hagios Athanathos, eleison himas ang luhog ng bayan mong kinukupkop.

O Diyos na lubhang Banal, Makapangyarihang Banal, Walang Kamatayang Banal, Panginong aming mahal, kami’y iyong kaawaan.

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Suggested Music for Reflection

1. One Faith, One Hope, One Lord (Craig Courtney)
1. Without Seeing You (David Haas)
2. Christ Be Our Light - Easter Vigil (Bernadette Farrell)
3. In My Heart (Manuel Francisco SJ)
4. I Am Ever With You (Arnel Aquino SJ)
Conclusion

Concluding Prayer

The Priest says:  Let us pray.

With hands extended, the Priest says the prayer:

Almighty God and our loving Father,
your Son suffered death on the cross to save all people.
Though sinless, he suffered willingly for sinners
and accepted the punishment for us.
As we, your Church, embrace this mystery,
may we extend your presence and your saving work on earth
and so come to share in the triumph of your redemption in heaven
where you live and reign for ever and ever.

All:  Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Priest:  The Lord be with you.
All:  And with your spirit.
Priest:  Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Priest, with hands extended over the people, says the blessing:

Priest:  In the passion of his only Son,
God, the Father of mercies,
has given you the greatest example of love.

May he bless you beyond measure
for your service of God and neighbor.

All reply:  Amen.
Priest: May God grant you eternal life through the death of Jesus Christ, which has freed you from eternal death.

All reply: Amen.

Priest: May God inspire you to imitate the humility and obedience of Christ and bring you to the glory of his resurrection.

All reply: Amen.

Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever.

All reply: Amen.

Priest: Take up your cross each day, and follow Jesus. Go in peace.

All reply: Thanks be to God.

The priests and ministers sprinkle the people with Holy Water.

AGS - CM:

Holy Water will now be sprinkled on everyone as a sign of blessing and as a reminder of our baptism. Please make the sign of the cross when you are sprinkled with Holy Water.