Welcome to this house of prayer. May you find peace.



# A Service for Good Friday *The* WAY *of the* CROSS

Pandemic precautions remain in effect. You are encouraged to wear a mask while inside the church building.

Kindly silence your phones. Children are welcome to be children. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to their own way, **And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.** 

Christ the Lord became obedient unto death, **Even death on a cross.** 

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We pray you of your mercy, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

## [ASONG]

Let us pray. Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(All follow the Cross to the First Station. Bring this booklet along.)

*The* **FIRST STATION** Jesus is condemned to death. *Gospel according to Matthew* 27: 24-26 We worship you, Christ, and we bless you. Because by your death on the Cross you have redeemed the world.

## A MEDITATION

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We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for the suffering you have borne for us and for all the benefits you have given us. O merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

## The SECOND STATION

Simon is made to carry the Cross. *Gospel according to Luke 23: 26-28* 

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## The THIRD STATION

The soldiers mock Jesus. *Gospel according to Matthew* 27. 27-30

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### The FOURTH STATION

Jesus is crucified. *Gospel according to Luke 23: 33, 34, 46* 

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#### The FIFTH STATION

The soldiers gamble for Jesus' clothes. *Gospel according to John* 19. 23-24

*The* **SIXTH STATION** Jesus is lowered from the Cross. *Gospel according to Luke* 23: 53-56

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## The SEVENTH STATION

Jesus is buried. Gospel according to John 19. 38-42

## The VENERATION of the CROSS

# [ASONG]

## The PRAYER of JESUS

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 sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Send down your abundant blessing, Lord, upon your people who have devoutly recalled the death of your Son in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Grant them pardon; bring them comfort. May our faith grow stronger and our eternal salvation be assured. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Go in peace, this service has ended. **Amen.**