

CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

# Stations of the Cross



**Good Friday**

1.30pm – 3.00pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021**

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*Locum Tenens*

The Rev'd. Canon Libbie Crossman

Music presented by *The Lucian Singers*

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*Prelude: Herzliebster Jesu, op.122 – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)*

**Opening Prayer**      Eternal God,  
in the cross of Jesus  
we see the cost of our sin  
and the depth of your love:  
in humble hope and fear  
may we place at his feet  
all that we have and all that we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.    **Amen.**

## **The First Station**

Jesus is condemned by Pilate

Reading                  Matthew 27: 24-26

Silent Prayer:        *Jesus, you have been told you must die to take away all our wrongs.  
Such is your Father's will. Give us courage in our struggles.  
Our trust is in you.*

## **The Second Station**

Jesus takes up the cross

Reading                  John 19: 16b-17

Silent Prayer:        *Jesus, you take your heavy cross. It gives you pain.  
Help all who suffer. Forgive us for the pain we give you and others.*

*Choir:*                  Adoramus te, Christe – Orlando de Lassus

*Adoramus te, Christe,  
et benedicimus tibi,  
quia per sanctam crucem tuam  
redemisti mundum.  
Domine, miserere nobis.*

We adore you, O Christ,  
and we bless you.  
For by your holy cross and passion  
you have redeemed the world.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us.



## The Fifth Station

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus carry the cross

Reading Matthew 27: 32

Silent Prayer: *Jesus, Simon takes your cross, helps you and so becomes one with you: make each of us a new person – one with you.*

HYMN 407 *Breathe on me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love all that you love,  
and do what you would do.**
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with you, I will one will,  
to do and to endure.**
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
and all my life refine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with your fire divine.**

## The Sixth Station

Veronica wipes Jesus' face

Reading Matthew 9: 20-23 (Some later traditions regard this woman as Veronica)

Silent Prayer: *Veronica has the courage to be kind to you, Jesus.  
Help us to be kind to each other.*

**CHOIR** *Our Saviour Christ, you loved us* PASSION CHORALE

Our Saviour Christ, you loved us, and there on Calvary's hill,  
you gave your life to save us, for this was God's own will.  
Such love of Christ redeeming, a love for all to see.  
Come, love of Christ, possess us! Come, love of Christ, to me.

John Seddon

# The Seventh Station

Jesus falls for the second time

Reading            Isaiah 53: 4-5

Silent Prayer:    *Your sufferings get worse and you fall again, Jesus.  
We trust you to help us to rise above our fears.*

HYMN 691

*Faith will not grow from words alone*

DUNEDIN

- 1    Faith will not grow from words alone  
from proofs provided, scripture known;  
our faith must feel its way about,  
and live with questions-marks and doubt.**
- 2    The pattern Jesus showed, we share:  
life comes through death, hope through despair.  
God is made known in brokenness,  
and faith feeds on God's emptiness.**
- 3    The church still tells how Jesus came  
through death to glorious life again –  
the strangest story! Yet, maybe,  
our faith will thrive on mystery.**
- 4    Faith takes the little that we know,  
and calls for hope, and tells us: Go!  
Love and take courage, come what may;  
Christ will be with us on the way.**

Elizabeth J. Smith (b.1956)

## The Eighth Station

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Reading Luke 23: 27-29

Silent Prayer: *Jesus, you hid your own sufferings to comfort the women. Be close to those who are suffering now, especially woman and children.*

CHOIR: Sicut cervus - Giovanni da Palestrina (1525/6-1594)

*Sicut cervus desiderat  
ad fontes aquarum,  
ita desiderat anima mea  
ad te, Deus.*

Like as the hart  
desireth the waterbrooks:  
so my soul longeth for thee, O God.  
*(Ps. 42:1)*

## The Ninth Station

Jesus falls a third time

Reading Isaiah 53: 7

Silent Prayer: *Weakness makes you fall to the ground, Jesus.  
The pain is very great.  
You think of us and struggle up to go on your way to Calvary.*

Choir: To mock your reign – Thomas Tallis

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,  
they made a crown of thorns;  
set you with taunts along that road  
from which no one returns.  
They did not know, as we do now,  
that glorious is your crown;  
that thorns would flower upon your brow,  
your sorrows heal our own.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

# The Tenth Station

Jesus is stripped of his clothes

Reading Mark 15: 24

Silent Prayer: *Every part of your body suffers, Jesus, as they pull off your clothing. You give up everything for us. Thank you, Jesus.*

HYMN 344

*Glory be to Jesus*

CASWALL

- 1**    **Glory be to Jesus,  
who in bitter pains  
poured for me the life blood  
from his sacred veins!**
  
- 3**    **Blest through endless ages  
be the precious stream  
which from endless torment  
did the world redeem!**
  
- 4**    **Abel's blood for vengeance  
pleaded to the skies;  
but the blood of Jesus  
for our pardon cries.**
  
- 7**    **Let us lift our voices,  
swell the mighty flood,  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood.**

Anon., Italian c.1815  
*tr.* Edward Caswall (1814-78), *alt*



## The Eleventh Station

Jesus is nailed to the cross

Reading                      John 20: 25

Silent Prayer:            *How great is your love for every human being, Jesus! Who could ever describe or explain the agony of crucifixion. Only love could do so. Teach us love.*

Choir:                              God so loved the world - Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son  
that whoso believeth, believeth in him,  
should not perish but have everlasting life.*

## The Twelfth Station

Jesus dies on the cross

Reading                      Matthew 27: 45-50

Silent Prayer:            *Love demands everything, Jesus.  
It touches the very centre of our being.  
Thinking of us you gave up what we cherish most.  
You breathed out your life in love, that we might live.*

## The Thirteenth Station

Mary holds Jesus' dead body

Reading Luke 2: 34-35

Silent Prayer: *Mary's body and your body are one, Jesus.  
Your life lives on in her body. She carries on your life in herself.*

HYMN 432

*When I survey the wondrous Cross*

ROCKINGHAM

- 1** When I survey the wondrous Cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2** Forbid it, Lord that I should boast,  
save in the Cross of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3** See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4** Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts

## The Fourteenth Station

The burial of Jesus

Reading Matthew 27: 57-61

Silent Prayer: *You overcame the powers of evil, Jesus. Your death brought us Life.  
You want to live in us. Lord Jesus, be our strength.*

**Closing Prayer** Christ was manifested in the body,  
vindicated in the spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed in throughout the world,  
glorified in high heaven.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.**

*Postlude:* O Mensch, bewein, BWV 622 – J.S.Bach

Please leave in silence

Good Friday offerings for ABM's Easter Appeal  
*Coming of the Light – Mission and Ministry in the Torres Strait*  
may be left in the bowl at the door of the church.

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coming of the Light. Funds raised from the Appeal will support the ministry of the Melanesian Brotherhood in the Torres Strait.

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