

Appendix A Good Friday Liturgy

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF THE GREAT CROSS

The devotion known as “The Way of the Cross,” is an adaptation of the custom observed on Good Friday by pilgrims in Jerusalem. There, pilgrims offer prayers at a series of places in the city that are traditionally associated with Jesus’ passion and death. There are 14 stations in Jerusalem. Eight of them are based on events recorded in the Gospels, and 6 are based on inferences from the Gospel or pious legend. Outside of Jerusalem, 14 simple stations are usually created with crosses or pictures and worshippers process from one to another reciting chants and psalms and prayers.

This Good Friday Procession of the Great Cross is an adaptation of this traditional service. Instead of concentrating on the events of Jesus’ passion and death, we observe the symbols of our life of discipleship, found in our own neighborhood. It is neighbors, agencies, and concerns like these that we serve as we take up our crosses and follow Jesus in our lives.

Join us in this procession, clean up some trash on the way, pray for all of God’s creation and the needs of this neighborhood in particular. Make this your “way of the cross.”

Stations of the Cross

1. Manna Foods
2. Traver Creek
3. Park by Traver Creek
4. Lower Town
5. Broadway Terrace
6. Corner of Cedar Bend & Broadway
7. Cedar Bend Scenic Lookout
8. Community Hospitals
9. North Campus (corner of Baits & Broadway)
10. Avalon Program House
11. Top of St.
Aidan’s/Northside’s driveway
12. Labyrinth at St.
Aidan’s/Northside

- 13. Woods Behind Church
- 14. Inside St. Aidan's Sanctuary

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When the people have gathered the service begins.

Officiant: Teach us the path, show us the way. They say that everyone has their own cross to bear, Lord. And You once said, "Take up your cross and follow me. What do these things mean? Perhaps they mean that every person ultimately has to face up to reality – face their own destiny, their own calling, their own nature and responsibilities.

In your own life, Jesus, you faced reality directly and unequivocally. You incarnated the truth as you believed it. You didn't pander to any easy or obvious popularity. You attacked the hypocrisies of the human power structure head on. You rejected the status quo in favor of obedience to the Reign of God. And when it came to accepting the consequences, you didn't shy away from the most difficult forms of torture and execution.

The way of the cross was your understanding of your mission and your faithfulness to it.

The way of the cross seems to be, for every individual Christian, the reality which dictates their style of life, defines their own mission, and brings them into communion with you.

Help each of us bear our cross on the way of the cross, Jesus. **Amen.**

\First Station - Manna Foods

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for fruitful seasons.

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them; that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give You thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the hungry.

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all those hungry persons whom it would be easy to forget in Washtenaw County. Help us to remember that as we eat bread thankfully there are many who have no bread. Help us to learn the principle of enoughness, changing our eating habits so that there will be more food available to others out of our plenty. And grant that one day, soon through our individual caring and increased corporate responsibility and action, all persons everywhere will be filled by the abundance of Your harvests; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Second Station – Traver Creek

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for the conservation of national resources.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one

may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Third Station – Park by Traver Creek

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for the good use of leisure.

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Fourth Station – Lower Town

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for new development. Loving God, the leaders of our community have decided to make this land a new development for living, for business, and

for recreation. Guide the builders and planners so they may make wise decisions for the quality of life of all the residents and neighbors. Let them be mindful of the fragile environment here where creek and river merge and let this new building enhance the community and the life of all who are affected by it.

Let us pray for the right use of God's gifts.

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may we be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Fifth Station – Broadway Terrace

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for the aged.

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray for those who live alone.

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps,

they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Sixth Station – Corner of Cedar Bend and Broadway

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for peace among the nations of the world,

Compassionate God, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for sound government.

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

People: Lord, keep this nation under your care.

Officiant: To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

People: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

Officiant: To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in states, cities, and towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

***People:* Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

Officiant: To the judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.

***People:* Give grace to your servants, O Lord.**

Officiant: And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.

***People:* For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us pray for the whole human family.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***People:* Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Seventh Station – Cedar Bend Scenic Lookout

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for the cities.

Lord, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for towns and rural areas.

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed God's Reign in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. **Amen.**

***People:* Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Eighth Station - Community Hospitals

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for the victims of addiction.

O Blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strength them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the sick.

O Lord of all mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: we humbly beseech you to behold, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the Enemy; and give them patience under their afflictions. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the remainder of their lives in your fear, and to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who care for the sick.

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

People: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Ninth Station – North Campus (Baits and Broadway)

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for schools and colleges.

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities - especially the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College, the Episcopal Black Colleges, trade union apprenticeship programs and public and private schools throughout Michigan - that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the

pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Tenth Station – Avalon Program House

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for the poor and unemployed.

God of Justice, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of shelter and work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find homes for living in and suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for families and households.

Almighty God, we commend to your continual care the homes in which your people dwell:

Put far from them, we beseech you, every root of bitterness, all unkind thoughts, anger and evil speech. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience and godliness. Where there are children, turn the hearts of the parents to the children and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectionate one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for commerce and industry.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will;

and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***People:* Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us**

Eleventh Station – Top of Northside – St. Aidan’s Driveway

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for the mission of the Church.

Savior Christ, you stretched out your arms in love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: so clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.
Amen.

***People:* Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Station Twelve – Labyrinth at St. Aidan’s/Northside

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Help us to remember that it is a privilege and a duty to seek after you O God. Help all who come to this place of spiritual refreshment and all other spiritual paths to find what they seek.

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thirteenth Station – The Woods Behind the Churches

Officiant: O Merciful Savior, grant that while we follow your blessed footsteps along this way of sorrow, our hearts may be so touched with true repentance that you will turn our weeping into gladness by granting us remission of our sins, amendment of our lives, and transformation of our world.

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

Officiant: Let us pray for the beauty of the earth.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers.

We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. **Amen.**

People: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Fourteenth Station – Inside St. Aidan’s Sanctuary

Officiant *Let us kneel and join together in a prayer of repentance.*

All God: Take fire and burn away our guilt and our lying hypocrisies. Take water and wash away our sisters’ and brothers’ blood which we have caused to be shed. Take hot sunlight and dry the tears of those we have hurt, and heal their wounded souls, minds, and bodies. Take love and root it in our hearts, so that fellowship may grow, transforming the dry desert of our prejudices and hatreds. Take our imperfect prayers and purify them, so that we mean what we pray and are prepared to give ourselves to you along with our words, through Jesus Christ, who did not disdain to take our humanness upon himself and lived among us, sharing our life, joys and pains. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace: through Jesus Christ your Son, our Redeemer. **Amen**