

THE SUNDAYS IN LENT



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

10:00 AM

SHORT STATIONS OF THE CROSS

& HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois

Welcome to St. Martin's!

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**Welcome to all who worship with us today.
We are blessed by your presence.**

In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, please refrain from conversation within the sanctuary 10 minutes before and after the service.

Please silence your cell phone during the service as a sign of respect for God and the rest of our worshipping community.

Following the service, we invite you to join us downstairs in Strauss-Betker Parish Hall for refreshment and fellowship.

Meditative Music

Congregation stands as able and remains in pews as the Leader travels from station to station.

Stations of the Cross

*“Short Way of The Cross” originally on Verbum Bible website
edited by Rev. M.E. Eccles*

<https://verbumbible.com/2019/03/28/short-way-of-the-cross/>

Opening Prayer

Leader (L): Lord, grant us your Spirit to understand the meaning of your passion and the depth of your love in dying for us. Teach us to die to our passions and wayward inclinations and live with you for God.

People (P): In union with our Lord Jesus Christ, let me retrace your steps on the way to Golgotha.

First Station: Jesus is condemned to death

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

(Genuflect or bow)

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

L. The giver of life is sentenced to die, to die like a criminal, on a cross. It was the most unjust judgment of all times. Yet, at Gethsemane, Jesus had made up his mind. He accepted the sentence with equanimity.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Grant me the grace to face things squarely. Let me tremble only at the sight of spiritual and eternal death.

Second Station: Jesus carries the cross

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. A cross was placed on your shoulders, an ugly, heavy cross. But you accepted it without complaint, out of love for us.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Let me carry my cross willingly and joyfully. When I find it heavy, let me remember how you carried your cross for love of me.

Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

L. We adore you O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. The cross was too heavy. You collapsed under its weight. But then you stood up, picked up your cross, and went on.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. When I fall, make me humble enough to acknowledge my failure, and strong enough to pick up my cross once more, and to go on.

Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. What a place for Mother and Son to meet! Both knew it was on the way to agonizing death. And yet, what peace of mind, what resignation to God's will!

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Wherever I am, make me an instrument of peace, and instrument of unity and love.

Fifth Station: Simon helps Jesus to carry the cross

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. You were weak and could not carry the cross. When help was offered, you humbly accepted it with gratitude.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Help me get rid of stupid pride which makes me unwilling to accept from others the help I need.

Sixth Station: A woman wipes the face of Jesus

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. A spontaneous act of kindness shown to you is met with a sign of appreciation and gratitude. And in return, you imprint your holy features deep in her heart.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Grant me never to forget to be grateful for the favors shown me. Just a smile or a “thank you” is often sufficient.

Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. You fall again on the dusty, dirty road. Like the first time, you quietly stand up and continue on.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Let me never blame others for my mistakes and failures, but humbly admit my shortcomings, help me to carry my cross daily with renewed strength.

Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. Those are the friends who cared for your temporal needs, and they are loyal to the end. In your greatest sorrow you always have a word for others.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. You told us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. May I learn to forget myself and think of the needs of others!

Ninth Station: Jesus falls the third time

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. Once more you are on the hard ground, and no pity is shown you. Yet, you remember that millions of others depend on you to go on; and you rise and go on.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. When I am discouraged and feel like saying: ‘What’s the use’?, remind me to ask myself: what would have happened to me if Jesus had said: What’s the use!

Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. They make you stand there, stripped, in shame, and dishonored. And you, God’s sacrificial lamb, offered your shame for me who so shamelessly offends you by sin.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Help me strip myself of anything that makes me look more like one of this world than a child of God.

Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. Big, ugly nails went through your hands and feet. But on your lips were only words of forgiveness. What an example you give me, my Savior!

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Make me understand how dear to God is reconciliation, and grant that I really mean it when I say: “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”

Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. The supreme act of love: to die for sinners when they were still your enemies. And we are those sinners. It was God’s will and you accepted it, willingly, generously, joyfully.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Teach me the value of suffering out of love: from suffering comes joy, from self-denial, happiness and peace; from death, life.

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. You allowed yourself to be placed wherever it pleased your friends to lay you. How often I am unwilling to come down from the throne I have built for myself, thinking myself more dedicated, more intelligent than others.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Let me be willing to be at the disposal of others, and to cooperate with their wishes. For it is you who are training me and perfecting me through them.

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

L. We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you.

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

L. Like the good seed, you were placed in the ground, and you produced abundant fruit: Resurrection and life for you and for us. Death is not the end of everything but merely the passage to real life.

(pause)

L. Lord,

P. Teach me to bury my past life in the grave with you and let me rise to the newness of the Christ life, to live henceforth for the glory of your Heavenly Father.

Concluding Prayer

L. Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

P. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

L. Let us pray:

P: We thank you, heavenly Lord, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, O God, now and for ever. Amen.

Opening Acclamation

The people remain standing for the Acclamation.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Then is said

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off. Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Celebrant and People (kneel)



**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says
 Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
 goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you
 in eternal life. **Amen.**

*(The Great Litany, Hymnal S67, will be used and
 the Prayers of the People are omitted on Sunday, 1 Lent only.)*

Kyrie

<i>Cantor</i>	<i>All</i>
	
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
<i>Cantor</i>	<i>All</i>
	
Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.	Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
<i>Cantor</i>	<i>All</i>
	
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(The Celebrant says the Collect.)

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read.

The First Reading *(See Service Leaflet)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm ~ sung *(See Service Leaflet)*

The Second Reading *(See Service Leaflet)*

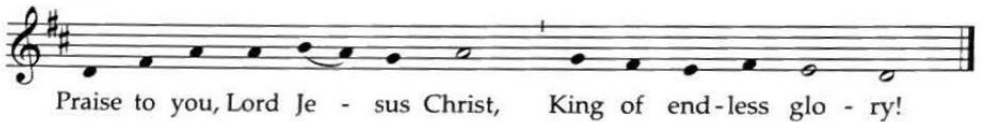
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Gospel Acclamation

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The Holy Gospel *(All stand. See Service Leaflet)*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to _____ .

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Proclaimer says

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon & Meditation

*This is “no expectation” time!
Pray, breathe, stare into space, doodle, whatever it is you
want to do when there are no expectations of you.*

*Our only request is
to honor the silence and the space
we share with God and one another.*

Apostle’s Creed from Baptismal Covenant (All stand)

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

The Prayers of the People ~ *Form II*

The people stand or kneel.

Leader bids each prayer. Silence is kept between each bidding.

The Peace *(All stand.)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Peace Prayer Chain

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God of the hungry times,
God of the difficult times,
God of all the times of our lives,
we need to talk.
Sometimes it's difficult to understand
the direction we need to go.
With all the choices we have in our lives,
sometimes we're not sure
when to say "Yes," or when to say "No."
So we ask for your guidance.
We ask for wisdom.
We ask for Spirit.
In our worship, in our work,
in our choices, in our lives.

All: **May it be so, loving God! Amen.**

Announcements & Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*



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Offertory Hymn (*See Service Leaflet*)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

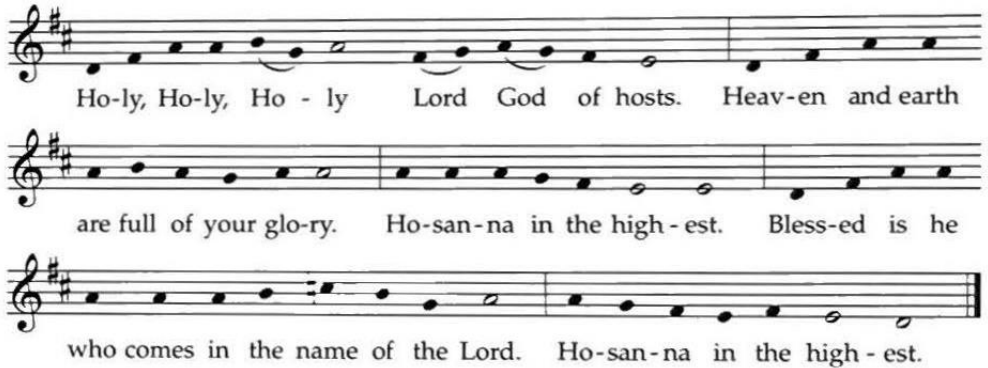
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth
are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

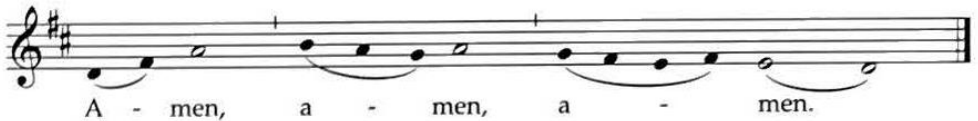
The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Great Amen



The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,**

thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Distribution

Instructions for distribution will be given at the announcements; please follow the Usher's prompts. Please hold your hands out to receive the bread. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

All are welcome!

Communion Hymn Refrain

Take, O take me as I am. Sum-mon out what I shall
be. Set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Lead in to refrain
Assembly or Cantor

But you, O Lord:

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Post Communion Prayer *(stand or kneel)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness
in this broken world.

The Birthday/Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lenten Prayer and Blessing

The Celebrant offers a Solemn Prayer over the People and Blessing, (as the people kneel or bow low) saying:

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: ...and the blessing of God...

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *(See Service Leaflet)*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

After the Dismissal, please depart in SILENCE.



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Rolling Away the Stone: Where and How Shall We Seek God in an Unjust World?



**March 1: Building a Beloved Community
with The Great Lakes Peace Center**



**March 8: The Birth Of The Environmental Justice
Movement through the life of Hazel M. Johnson
with People for Community Recovery**



**March 15: The Moral Imperative of Workers' Rights
with Arise Chicago**



**March 22: Jesus Christ was an Abolitionist
with Bella BAHHS**



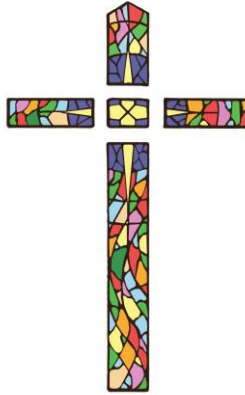
**Immigration: A Christian Response
with Diocese of Chicago Sanctuary Task Force**



**April 5: LGBTQ+ Rights Under Attack
with Lambda Legal**

Please join the St. Martin's community this Lent for presentations, discussions, and reflections on these local and global social justice issues, followed each night by a meditative service.

6:30 - 8:30 Pm in Strauss-Betker Hall, 1095 Thacker St. , Des Plaines



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All are welcome
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