

New Life Presbyterian Church

Good Friday
Labyrinth Walk
April 22, 2011
5-7 PM

Grace and Peace to you.

If you wish to observe Good Friday as you walk the labyrinth this evening, there are signposts along the way. Pause there and read the reflection before moving on.

You can also pause and repeat the Prayer of Adoration and then move on.

God's grace and peace be with you.

Of course you are welcomed to walk the labyrinth in your own fashion.

God's blessing be with you.

PRAYER OF ADORATION
WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE PRAISE YOU,
BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

THE FIRST STATION~JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Jesus is condemned to death. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." After flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. (Matthew 27:1-2,22,24,26b)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE SECOND STATION~JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. (John 19:1-2,16b-17)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE THIRD STATION~JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us; we wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. We stumble at noon as in the twilight, among the vigorous as though we were dead. The LORD saw it, and it displeased GOD that there was no justice. GOD saw that there was no one, and was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so GOD'S own arm brought victory, and upheld by God's righteousness. (Isaiah 59:9,10b,15b-16)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE FOURTH STATION~JESUS SEES HIS MOTHER MARY

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. (John 19:26-27)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE FIFTH STATION~SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

As the soldiers led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. (Luke 23:26) . Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew; 11:29-30)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE SIXTH STATION~A WOMAN OFFERS COMFORT TO JESUS

Before the betrayal, a woman came to Jesus with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial.” (Matthew 26:7-9,10,12)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE SEVENTH STATION~JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE EIGHTH STATION~JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.” (Luke 23:27-28)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE NINTH STATION~JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME

Why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like baked clay, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. (Psalm 22:1-2,14-15)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE TENTH STATION~JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS CLOTHES

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." (John 19:23-24a)

In your dealings with one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.
(1 Peter 5:5b-7,10)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ELEVENTH STATION~JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:32-34a)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE TWELFTH STATION ~JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Return now in the peace and mercy of Christ.

~GOD BLESS YOU~
COME AND CELEBRATE
EASTER 10:30 SUNDAY
AND HEAR THE REST OF THE STORY