

Way of the Cross

Based on *The Way of the Cross*,
St. Alphonsus Liguori, and
The Way of the Cross, Pope John Paul II

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Moderately slow ♩ = 80

The musical score is presented in a standard format with vocal staves and piano accompaniment. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The tempo is marked 'Moderately slow' with a metronome marking of ♩ = 80. The score is divided into systems, with measures 1-4, 5-8, and 9-12. The piano accompaniment includes chord symbols such as Bb, E7add9/Bb, Bb, Fsus4, Bb, Eb/Bb, Bb, Gm, F, Bb, Eb/Bb, Fsus4, and F. The lyrics are: 'We a - dore You O Christ, and we bless You. We re - mem - ber Your pas - sion and death.' A 'Choir:' section is indicated at the beginning of the vocal line. The score includes dynamic markings like 'mf' and 'mp'. A large 'SAMPLE COPY' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the page.

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Cantor:
By Your Ho - ly Cross, O Je - sus,

Choir:
You have re - deemed the world.

mp

Gm Bb/Ab Ab Db Eb Fsus4 F

13

On Your way of sor - row, my - ior,

let us be - come Your love.

mp

Gm Bb/Ab Ab Db Eb Fsus4 F

17

NARRATOR: Gathering Prayer - "O Jesus, we are about to walk..."

mp

Bb/Ab Ab Eb/G Fsus4 F

21

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25

Bb7 A7 Eb/G F#sus4 F

29

Gm Dm Eb add9 Eb add9

33

Gm Bb+/F# Bb/F Cadd9/E

37

Cm/Eb Bb add9/D F#sus4 F

mf

At the cross you stood, O Moth-er, faith-ful in your si- lent mourn-ing.—

41

Bb Eb/Bb Bb add9 Gm F#sus4 F

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At Your cross we stand, O Je - sus, keep us ev - er close to You.

Bb Eb/Bb Bbadd9 Gm Fsus4 F

45

Measures 49-121: 14 times

mf

49

dore You, O Christ, and we bless You. We re -

Bb Eb/Bb Bbsus2/4 Bb Gm Fsus4 F

mp

53

mem - ber Your pas - sion and death.

Bb Eb/Bb F sus4 F

57

Cantor:
By Your Ho - ly Cross, Je - sus

Choir:
You have re - deemed the world.

Gm Bb/Ab Ab Db Eb F sus4 F

mp

61

On Your way of sor - row Sav - ior,

let us be - come Your love.

Gm Bb/Ab Ab Db Eb F sus4 F

65

NARRATOR: Scripture Reading, Stations 1-14

Musical notation for measures 69-72. Chords: Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fsus4, F. Dynamics: mp.

Musical notation for measures 73-76. Chords: Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fsus4, F.

Musical notation for measures 77-80. Chords: Gm, Dm, Eb, Bbadd9.

Musical notation for measures 81-84. Chords: Gm, Eb/F#, Bb, Cadd9/E.

Musical notation for measures 85-88. Chords: Cm/Eb, Bb/D, Fsus4, F. Dynamics: mf.

Cantor:

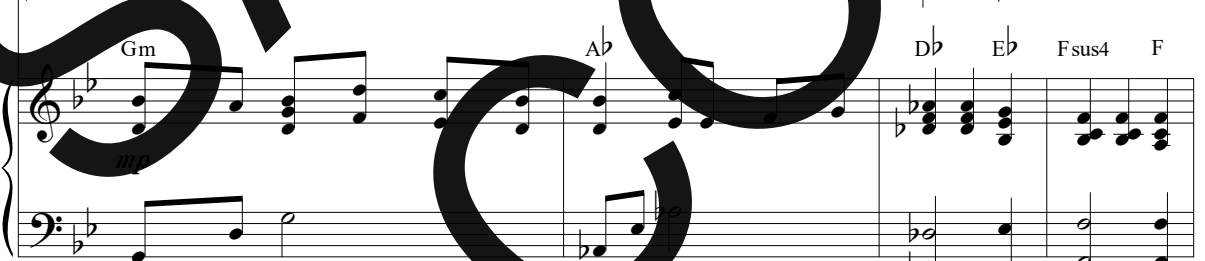


1. Grant us, Lord, Your strength and wis - dom;
2. Give us cour - age that our lives, Lord,
3. Give us, Lord, Your sense of jus - tice:
4. Grant us hon - es - ty of heart, Lord,
5. Grant us, Lord, Your un - der - stand - ing
6. Grant us pa - tience in our suf - fering,
7. Grant to us Your strength of pur - pose
8. Grant to us Your will - ing spir - it:
9. Grant us, Lord, Your gen - tle spir - it:
10. Grant us, Lord, Your heart of mer - cy:
11. Grant us, Lord, Your per - se - ver - ance;
12. Make us, Lord, Your faith - ful ser - vants;
13. Teach us, Lord, that we might trust You;
14. Give us, Lord, Your own com - pas - sion:

Cantor:



that we may seek Your will
 faith - ful - ly show Your love
 Your king - dom we might live
 that we might speak Your truth
 that we might see as You
 our pain as praise to You
 that we might bear our cross.
 Your in - stru - ments on earth.
 Com - fort for those who mourn.
 For - give - ness for the world.
 Nev - er stop seek - ing You.
 for those who live in need.
 we come with - out de - lay.
 for those in pain.



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NARRATOR: Prayer, Stations 1-14

Musical notation for measures 97-100. Chords: Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fsus4, F. Dynamics: mp.

Musical notation for measures 101-104. Chords: Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fsus4, F.

Musical notation for measures 105-108. Chords: Gm, Dm, Eb, Bbadd9.

Musical notation for measures 109-112. Chords: Gm, Ab, Cm7, Fsus, F7.

Vocal line with lyrics: "At the cross you stood, O Mother, faith-ful in your si-lent mourn-ing." Musical notation for measures 113-116.

Musical notation for measures 117-120. Chords: Bb, Eb/Bb, Bbadd9, Gm, Fsus4, F. Dynamics: mf.



(to page 4, measure 49, 13 times)

At Your cross we stand, O Je - sus, keep us ev - er close to You.

Bb Eb/Bb Bbadd9 Gm Fsus4 F

118

NARRATOR: Closing Prayer - "Jesus, we have journeyed with you"

mp

Bb Ab Eb/G Fsus4 F

122

Bb Ab Eb/G Fsus4 F

Gm Dm Eb Bbadd9

Gm Bb+/F# Bb/F Cadd9/E

138

mf

Cm/Eb B \flat add9/D Fsus4 F

Cantor:

By Your Ho - ly Cross, O Je - sus,

You have re - deemed the world.

142

Gm B \flat /Ab Ab Db Eb Fsus4

On Your way of sor - rows, Sav - ior,

let us be - come Your love.

146

Gm B \flat /Ab Ab Db Eb Fsus4 F

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NARRATOR: Final Prayer - "Lord Jesus Christ, Your Passion and Death..."

Musical notation for measures 150-153. Chords: Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fsus4, F. Dynamics: mp.

Musical notation for measures 154-157. Chords: Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fsus4, F.

Musical notation for measures 158-161. Chords: Gm, Dm, Eb, Bbadd9.

Musical notation for measures 162-165. Chords: Gm, Ab, Cm7, F7sus, F7.

Vocal line with lyrics: "At the cross you stood, O Moth-er, with-ful in your si-lent mourn-ing." Musical notation for measures 166-169.

Musical notation for measures 170-173. Chords: Bb, Eb/Bb, Bbadd9, Gm, Fsus4, F. Dynamics: mf.

At Your cross we stand, O Je - sus, keep us ev - er close to You.

171

175

Chords: Bb, Eb/Bb, Bbadd9, Gm, Fsus4, F, Ab, Eb, Fsus4, Bb

GATHERING PRAYER: (at measure 21) O Jesus, we are about to walk with You through the stages of Your agony and death. We are about to spend a brief time renewing the sacrifice that gave us the life of a Christian, that upholds us by the graces You have won, and brings us along the road to a salvation that all took place and continues today by Your sacrifice on the cross. Help us to understand a little better, to love a little more, and to give of ourselves more generously by our use of these fifteen remembrances of Your divine vocation.

First Station: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (at measures 69 & 97)

SCRIPTURE READING: Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." *Matthew 26:36-41*

PRAYER: Jesus, just as Your disciples were insensitive to Your anguish, we too are sometimes uncaring about those who are suffering emotional and mental pain. Awaken within us compassion, so that we may be more present to the suffering of others, and do what we can to lessen their burdens.

Second Station: Jesus, Betrayed by Judas is Arrested

SCRIPTURE READING: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. *Matthew 26:47-50*

PRAYER: Jesus, even though we have been unfaithful to You, You have remained faithful to us. Keep us mindful of our own human frailty lest we betray Your trust in us. Unlike Judas, who turned away from You, may we turn to You for mercy and forgiveness.

Third Station: Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin

SCRIPTURE READING: When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth." *Luke 22:66-71*

PRAYER: Jesus, You suffered in justice at the hands of the self-righteous. As Your followers, strengthen us when we must accept unjust treatment from others. Give us the courage to engage in the struggle for injustice in our world.

Fourth Station: Jesus is Denied by Peter

SCRIPTURE READING: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the

the bystanders came over and said to Peter, “Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away.” At that he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: “Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly. *Matthew 26:69-75*

PRAYER: Jesus, out of fear Peter denied You, but, in the end, was moved to repentance. Do not abandon us when we deny You out of human frailty, but bless us with tears of repentance for our sins.

Fifth Station: Jesus Is Judged by Pilate

SCRIPTURE READING: As soon as morning came, the chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” He said to him in reply, “You say so.” The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, “Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of.” Jesus gave him no further answer so that Pilate was amazed. Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged, handed him over to be crucified. *Mark 15:1-15*

PRAYER: Jesus, like Pilate, we too can resist the voice of God that comes to us from so many sources, including other people, events, and even dreams. May human weakness, fear of failure, or the clamor of the mob never overpower the quiet voice of our conscience.

Sixth Station: Jesus Is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

SCRIPTURE READING: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wore a crown of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came to him and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they struck him repeatedly. *John 19:1-3*

PRAYER: Jesus, in silence You suffered the cruelty and the mockery of the Roman soldiers. Out of deep love for us, You endured so much. May we see Your face in every human being we meet, especially in the most persecuted and abandoned.

Seventh Station: Jesus Bears the Cross

SCRIPTURE READING: When the chief priests and the guards saw him they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him.” They cried out, “Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your king?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. *John 19:6, 15-17*

PRAYER: Jesus, Barabbas was set free while You, the innocent one, were put to death for the sins of all. With grateful hearts, we pour out our thanks for the many gifts You have given us through the cross, especially forgiveness of sin.

Eighth Station: Jesus Is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian

SCRIPTURE READING: They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

Mark 15:21

PRAYER: Jesus, on Your lonely journey, You welcomed the help of Simon a passer-by. At first, he shouldered Your cross with anger, but later accepted it willingly. In truth, we all feel resistance to bearing the cross. Give us courageous hearts to bear our own burdens and generous hearts to share the burdens of others.

Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

SCRIPTURE READING: A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.’ At that time people will say to the mountains, ‘Fall upon us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?” *Luke 23:27-31*

PRAYER: Jesus, You asked the women to weep for themselves and their children. Give us the tears of true sorrow for our personal sins and have mercy on the sins of our generation.

Tenth Station: Jesus Is Crucified

SCRIPTURE READING: When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” *Luke 23:33-34*

PRAYER: Jesus, the three hours You spent on the cross were hours of letting go: Your robe to some soldier, Your mother to John, and Your life for the world. Teach us the difficult art of letting go, of dying daily to self so that at our last hour we may surrender our lives into Your loving hands.

Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief

SCRIPTURE READING: Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us.” The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” *Luke 23:39-43*

PRAYER: Jesus, by offering salvation to the thief who repented, You gave hope to all sinners. Make us aware that Your cross is a sign of forgiveness, even for hardened sinners. Lead us to accept Your forgiveness, so that like the good thief, we too might be welcomed into paradise.

Twelfth Station: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

SCRIPTURE READING: Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. *John 19:25-27*

PRAYER: Jesus, the mystery of suffering must have pierced the heart of Mary as she stood beneath Your cross. At that hour, in the midst of her suffering, Mary became the mother of us all. May we find shelter beneath her mantle of care.

Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

SCRIPTURE READING: It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. *Luke 23:44-46*

PRAYER: Jesus, through Your divine patience, goodness and forgiveness, You opened the eyes of the Centurion. Deepen our faith so that we may also see You presenting the patience, goodness and forgiveness of others.

Fourteenth Station: Jesus Is Placed in the Tomb

SCRIPTURE READING: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. *Matthew 27:57-60*

PRAYER: Jesus, You gave Joseph the strength to break through the fears that bound him. Send upon us the power of Your Spirit so that we may overcome all fear and announce the good news of Your death and resurrection.

CLOSING PRAYER: (at measure 122) Jesus, we have journeyed with You through Your Passion and have seen the strengths and weaknesses within the human heart. We have discovered within us that same human heart, with its light and its shadows. Give us true humility to acknowledge our strengths and our weaknesses and to have a compassionate heart for others.

FINAL PRAYER: (at measure 150) Lord Jesus Christ, Your Passion and death is a sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to You. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in Your steps and so come to share Your glory in heaven, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.