



Good Friday Service:
The Road

You Were Led

You set Your mind to the cause
Knowing the pain that lay before You
For a sin stained race of lost sons and daughters
You were led to the hill

But the pain would not compare
To the abandonment of the Father
As the sin of all mankind weighed on Him
He was led to the hill

Chorus

O my Lord Your love is amazing
Why would You do this for me
Suffer and die, take my own sin
And be my lifeline, my only lifeline

You knew You would win
That Your loss was gain and Your victory sure
And even though like sheep we were led astray
You were led to the hill

You were led by love
You were led by grace
You were led by the Father's heart
Now You lead me home
As I seek Your face
And I'm led unto Your throne

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The Road to Redemption

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The road is a walk of reflection through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is meant to help us enter into the meaning of these miracles more deeply. Each stop has been made to reflect on a particular moment in the journey Jesus made to save mankind from sin. We will pause with each piece of art, read the scripture passage, consider its meaning through prayer together, ending each time praying, **"Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps."** May these words become a sort of "breath prayer," carrying us through this weekend of remembrance and all the days of our journey home.

Opening Prayer

ALL: Lord, bless us as we gather to reflect on Jesus' suffering and death that we may learn from his example the way we should go. By Your cross You have redeemed the world. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps. Amen.**



Stop 1: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Reader:

Matt 26:36-41 (NIV)

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Mark 14:43-46 (NIV)

Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. The men seized Jesus and arrested him.

ALL: Lord, grant us Your strength and wisdom that we may seek to follow Your will in all things. Grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news You bring. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.**



Stop 2:
**Jesus is
Condemned by
the Sanhedrin
and Jesus is
Judged by Pilate**

Reader:

Luke 22:66-71 (NIV)

At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You are right in saying I am."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

Mark 15:1-5 (NIV)

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate.

"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

The chief priests accused him of many things. So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."

But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

Mark 15:15 (NIV)

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

ALL: Lord, grant us Your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that You promised. Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as You see, not as the world sees.
Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.



Reader:

John 19:1-3 (NIV)

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they struck him in the face.

ALL: Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise. Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.

Stop 3:
**Jesus is Scourged
and Crowned
with Thorns**



Reader:

John 19:6 (NIV)

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

John 19:15-17 (NIV)

But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

Stop 4:
**Jesus Bears
the Cross**

ALL: Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day. Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.



Reader:

Mark 15:21 (NIV)

A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

ALL: Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be Your instruments on earth. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.**

Stop 5:
**Jesus is Helped
by Simon the
Cyrenian to
Carry the Cross**



Reader:

Luke 23:27-31 (NIV)

A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then, 'they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?'"

ALL: Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.**

Stop 6:
**Jesus Meets
the Women of
Jerusalem**



Reader:

Luke 23:33-34 (NIV)

When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

ALL: Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring Your reconciliation and forgiveness to all. Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.

Stop 7:
Jesus is Crucified



Reader:

Luke 23:39-43 (NIV)

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Stop 8:
**Jesus Promises
His Kingdom to
the Good Thief**

ALL: Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking You. Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.



Reader:

John 19:25-27 (NIV)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

ALL: Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.**

Stop 9:

Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple



Reader:

Luke 23:44-46 (NIV)

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

ALL: Lord, grant us trust in You that when our time on earth is ended our spirits may come to You without delay. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.**

Stop 10:

Jesus Dies on the Cross



Reader:

Matt 27:57-61 (NIV)

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

ALL: Lord, grant us Your compassion that we may always provide for those in need. Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.

Stop 11:
**Jesus is Placed
in the Tomb**



Stop 12: Resurrection

Reader:

Matt 28:1-6 (NIV)

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

ALL: As we receive communion today, we remember the road You walked to save us. The suffering You bore to redeem us. The love You gave to free us from the bondage of sin and separation. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We receive this bread and wine as a declaration of our faith in Your death, burial, and resurrection and the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit. Fill us with Your life today as we wait in joyful hope for the coming again of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in Your steps.**

Communion (come forward)

Up on a Hill

Up on a hill
Three trees
Two of them wrong
One of them King
One comes to save our lives

One of them speaks
Mocks the just One
The other believes
He is now set free
One comes to save our lives

Up on a hill
There is One who they
Choose to kill
The deed it is done
But it is our victory
That is won

His life He gave, unselfishly
His life He gave
And now we are free
One comes to save our lives

He said it is finished
And our lives began
He said it is finished
And sits at God's right hand
One comes to save our lives

And then the stone was
Rolled away
Only an angel left to say
The King has risen today

The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Closing Prayer

Reader: Lord Jesus, Your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to You. May we who have 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, for ever and ever.

ALL: *Amen.*

Leave in Silence



The Empty Tomb

About the Artists

Brent Cary (artist for Stop 2 & 9) says we are all creative, a gift from God. "God created human beings in His own image." Genesis 1:27.

Rob Crandall (artist for Stop 8) enjoys art, guitar, and writing. You can view his Christian/Inspirational Webzine at: www.peafant.wordpress.com. "Happy Easter!"

Helen Glover (artist for Stop 1 & 6) says art is her passion. "I am fully alive and connected with my creator when I am expressing myself through art."

Tammy Jenkins (artist for Stop 3 & 4) has always had a love for art and photography but did not realize she had such a passion for it, now it's the passion of her life. "God has given me such a talent that I am so blessed to be able to share with everyone else."

Catarina Philips (artist for Stop 11 & 12) is a 18-year old girl trying to find herself using art and God to smooth the bumps in the road.

Teresa Pizzimenti (artist for Stop 10 & The Empty Tomb) recently graduated from KCC. She would love to go into the mission field. "I love connecting with God through nature, art, and playing guitar."

Angel Robirds (artist for Stop 7) is a graffiti artist who turned being a delinquent into a real job. She is a tattoo artist, and owner of Covenant Ink Tattoos & Piercing shop in Albion, MI. Angel spends most of her free time day dreaming, producing Hip Hop and rapping. "I try to live my life based on the philosophy, 'Dig like a root until you find the motive to grow.'"

Lynda Thurman (artist for Stop 5) is a wife and mom, staying home raising her three children. "I love painting and photography. God has given me a passion to document life and to paint what He is speaking to my heart."

All of these artists attend Crossroads Church and Ministries and volunteer their time and talents to help support the weekly services, missions, and ministries there.