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Good Friday Walk for Peace STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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Reader 1:

THE FIRST STATION:
JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Matthew 19:13-14

Then Children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked them, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After he placed his hands on them, he went away.

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you loved children so much that you said, "Whoever welcomes a child welcomes me." Hear our prayers and with your unfailing protection, watch over all the children of our city. May they grow and mature in faith, and persevere courageously in the hope of reaching your kingdom, where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

All sing:

*"Were you there when the judge condemned my Lord?
Were you there when the judge condemned my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the judge condemned my Lord?"*

Reader 1:

THE SECOND STATION:
JESUS ACCEPTS HIS CROSS

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

John 11: 32-35

When Mary came to the place where Jesus was, seeing him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would never have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had accompanied her also weeping, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Lord, come and see," they said. Jesus began to weep.

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

Let us pray. God of justice, Judge of all humanity, the face of Christ is bruised and the Body of Christ is beaten every time we fail to do what is right, when we are encouraged to do wrong. Give us the courage of Jesus to hold fast to what is true and just.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

"Were you there when he carried forth the beam?

Were you there when he carried forth the beam?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me

to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he carried forth the beam?"

Reader 1:

THE THIRD STATION:
JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Psalms 109:1-5

O God, whom I praise, be not silent, for they have opened wicked and treacherous mouths against me. They have spoken to me with lying tongues, and with words of hatred they have encompassed me and attacked me without cause. In return for my love they slandered me, but I prayed. They repaid me evil for good and hatred for my love.

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

God of those the world deems lost and worthless, you are always near to those whom others condemn and cast off. Give us the strength to walk with all whom this world forgets, that we may see in them Jesus on his way to the Cross.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

"Were you there when he fell beneath its weight?

Where you there when he fell beneath its weight?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me

to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Where you there when he fell beneath its weight?"

TESTIMONY IS GIVEN BY A YOUNG PERSON

After the testimony, the Cross, followed by the Cardinal, leads the procession to the next site. Verses of hymns are sung, interspersed with African Drummers, and solemn silence.

Reader 1:

THE FOURTH STATION:
JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Luke 2:33-35

The child Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

God of our mothers, you know of the pain of losing a child to violence. Be with those whose daughters and sons have been murdered. We beg you, Lord of Love, be with those who cry out to you in their loss.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

"Were you there when he saw his mother weep?

Were you there when he saw his mother weep?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me

to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he saw his mother weep?"

Reader 1:

THE FIFTH STATION:
SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY THE
CROSS

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Lamentations 3: 1-4a; 5-7

I am a man who knows affliction from the rod of his anger, one whom he has led and forced to walk in darkness, not in the light; against me alone he brings back his hand again and again all the day. He has worn away my flesh and my skin,

He has beset me round about with poverty and weariness; He has left me to dwell in the dark like those long dead. He has hemmed me in with no escape and weighed me down with chains.

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

God of all mercy, according to your law of love, we wish to love sincerely all those who seek to harm us. Help us follow your teaching and example, that by returning good for the evil done to us, we may learn to bear the ill-will of others out of love for you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

"Were you there when they called for Simon's help?

Were you there when they called for Simon's help?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me

to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they called for Simon's help?"

Reader 1:

THE SIXTH STATION:
VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Matthew 25:37-40

Then the Righteous will say, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we say you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

Blessed are you, Lord God of Mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on those who so generously give of themselves to help others. When we are called on in time of need, let us faithfully serve you in those who suffer and who mourn.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

*"Were you there when the woman wiped his face?
Were you there when the woman wiped his face?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the woman wiped his face?"*

Reader 1:

THE SEVENTH STATION:
JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Matthew 10:28-31

Jesus said to them, "Do not fear those who deprive the body of life, but cannot destroy the soul...are not two sparrows sold for next to nothing? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Father knowing. As for you, every hair of your head is counted, so do not be afraid of anything."

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

Lord God, your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked, yet he prayed for his persecutors, and overcame hatred with the blood of the cross. Relieve the suffering of all those affected by violence. Protect us all from hatred and violence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

*"Were you there when he fell again in pain?
Were you there when he fell again in pain?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he fell again in pain?"*

TESTIMONY IS GIVEN BY A PARENT

After the testimony, the Cross, followed by the Cardinal, leads the procession to the next site. Verses of hymns are sung, interspersed with African Drummers, and solemn silence.

Reader 1:

THE EIGHTH STATION:
JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Luke 10:30-37

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

God of Mercy, we bless you in the name of your Son who ministered to all who came to him. Look with compassion on all those who suffer because of violence. Restore to them the assurance of your presence and care; strengthen them and help them with your love that perseveres.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

*"Were you there when the women mourned for him?
Were you there when the women mourned for him?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the women mourned for him?"*

Reader 1:

THE NINTH STATION:
JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Psalm 119:25-28

My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word. When I told of my ways, you answered me; teach me of your statutes. Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wondrous works. My soul melts away from sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

O God, strengthen us according to your word, that we who walk this way of the cross with your beloved Son Jesus, will know your love and call upon you from the depths of our despair. Help us when we are weak; be near us in our sorrow; heal us in our weakness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

*"Were you there when he fell yet once again?
Were you there when he fell yet once again?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he fell yet once again?"*

TESTIMONY IS GIVEN BY A CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER

After the testimony, the Cross, followed by the Cardinal, leads the procession to the next site. Verses of hymns are sung, interspersed with African Drummers, and solemn silence.

Reader 1:

THE TENTH STATION:
JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Matthew 5:43-48

Jesus said, "But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

Almighty, ever-living God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in trouble, that they may know your healing presence and love and receive your help in their need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

*"Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?"*

Reader 1:

THE ELEVENTH STATION:
JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Matthew 5:1-12

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

Lord, by shedding his blood for us, your Son, Jesus Christ, established the paschal mystery which proclaims that the power of the cross can never have the last word! In your goodness, hear us and save us from all that threatens to keep us from you – even death itself.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

“Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me

to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?”

Reader 1:

THE TWELFTH STATION:
JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people* and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

God our Father, in obedience to you, your only Son accepted death on the cross for the salvation of the world. We acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth and beg for your presence and action when we encounter it! Be with all of us who suffer and save us your hurting children. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

“Were you there when he yielded up his soul?

Were you there when he yielded up his soul?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me

to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when he yielded up his soul?”

TESTIMONY IS GIVEN BY AN EMT

After the testimony, the Cross, followed by the Cardinal, leads the procession to the next site. Verses of hymns are sung, interspersed with African Drummers, and solemn silence.

Reader 1:

THE THIRTEENTH STATION:
JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

Isaiah 53:4-6

Yet it was our pain that he bore, our sufferings he endured.
We thought of him as stricken, struck down by God and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity.
He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep, all following our own way;
But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all.

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

God of the Living, how long will we have to bury the broken bodies of all who die from violence? The death of your Son is enough! Transform our sadness into the balm of compassion so that we may take down all bodies nailed to the cross.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

*"Were you there when they took his body down?
Were you there when they took his body down?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they took his body down?"*

Reader 1:

THE FOURTEENTH STATION:
THE BODY OF JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB.

Cardinal:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The names of those who have died at the hands of violence are solemnly read by the first reader.

(Pause)

Reader 2:

John 11:38-44

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

(Silent Prayer)

Cardinal:

O Merciful God, at the hour your Son gave himself to death, hear the cries of your people who suffer violence, loss and death. Call us forth from the various tombs in our lives and break the bonds which hold us, that we may believe once more and proclaim your goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All sing:

*"Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?"*

TESTIMONY IS GIVEN BY PRIESTS LED BY FATHER JONES

All sing:

*"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me
to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"*

(Silence)

Cardinal:

On this Good Friday, in the midst of the City of Chicago, we stand at the tomb of Christ. We adore you O Christ and we praise you.

All:

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Reader:

Luke 24:1-6

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

Behold, the place where they laid him. But go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.'" Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

REMARKS BY CARDINAL CUPICH

Cardinal:

Let us turn to Christ Jesus with confidence and faith in the power of his cross and resurrection.

Risen Lord, help us to not be silent, so all may hear you. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy

Gather us to hold on to those who respond with love, not hate.

All: Lord have mercy

Son of God, destroy our sin,

All: Lord have mercy

Word of God, deliver us from fear of death,

All: Lord have mercy

Crucified Lord, remember us in your Glory,

All: Lord have mercy

Good Shepherd, lead us and guide us in peaceful journey,

All: Lord have mercy

You who come in glory to judge the living and the dead,

All: Lord have mercy

Let us pray to be able to forgive those who have sinned against us, as we beg to be forgiven:

All: Our Father...

Cardinal:

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, who have walked by faith and not by sight. Help us live and love this way of the Cross.

Keep us, the people of Chicago, faithful to Christ's sacred passion, as we stand to speak, march and work against the sin of violence.

Trouble the waters of baptism, spill the power of the blood and renew the hearts of all the desire to live according to your ways.

Through our rituals and prayers of this Holy Week, and the Easter to come, may all in the world see and know your saving power.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN.

Cardinal:

May Almighty God bless you...

All sing:

"Were You There when he rose up from the dead?
 Were you there when he rose up from the dead?
 Oh! Sometimes I feel like shouting,
 "Glory! Glory! Glory!
 Were you there when he rose up from the dead?"

ADDITIONAL HYMNS

Amazing Grace

1. *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.*
2. *'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 And grace my fears relieved;
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed.*
3. *Through many dangers, toils and snares,
 I have already come;
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 And grace will lead me home.*
4. *The Lord has promised good to me,
 His Word my hope secures;
 He will my Shield and Portion be,
 As long as life endures.*
5. *When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.*

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome...someday.

*Oh, deep in my heart I do believe.
 We shall overcome someday.*

*We'll walk hand in hand...someday.
 We shall live in peace...someday.
 We are not afraid...today.
 God will see us through...today.*

Like a Motherless Child

*Sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
 Sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
 Sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
 A long ways from home,
 A long ways from home.*

*Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone,
 Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone,
 Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone,
 A long ways from home,
 A long ways from home.*

Music

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Amazing Grace

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