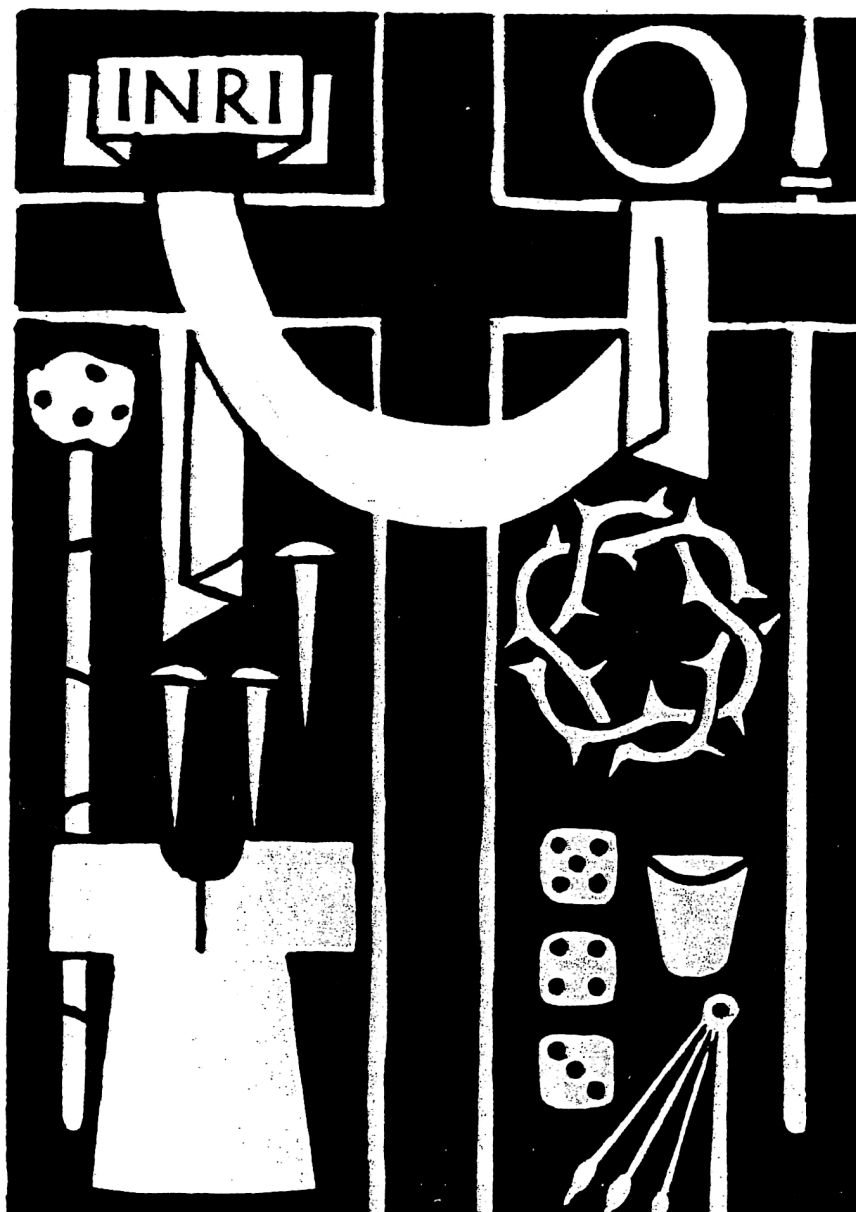


# Good Friday Liturgy

Service of Tenebrae/Stations of the Cross



April 18, 2025

12:15 pm

# Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we walk the way of the cross, following our Lord on His path of sorrow!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, we invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form in the bulletin or at the Welcome Desk to let us know you were worshipping with us today. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor, an usher, or placed in the offering.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Busy Bags for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers!

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available at the ushers table in the entry-way, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org)!





***The First Station: The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane***

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Mark 14:32-36*

<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I pray." <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt."

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 6:1-4

P Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger;

C **DO NOT PUNISH ME IN YOUR WRATH.**

P Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak;

C **HEAL ME, LORD, FOR MY BONES ARE RACKED.**

P My spirit shakes with terror;

C **HOW LONG, O LORD, HOW LONG?**

P Turn, O Lord, and deliver me;

C **SAVE ME FOR YOUR MERCY'S SAKE.**

P Let us pray. O God, give us your grace, that we may stay awake and watchful throughout our Lord's agony and suffering. Teach us to pray, not our will, but Thy will be done, that we may find true peace and joy, through sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



*The Second Station: The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE  
REDEEMED THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Matthew 26:45-49*

<sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him.” <sup>49</sup> And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Hail, Master!” And he kissed him.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 6:4-5

P Turn, O Lord, and deliver me;

C **SAVE ME FOR YOUR MERCY’S SAKE.**

P For in death no one remembers you;

C **AND WHO WILL GIVE YOU THANKS IN  
THE GRAVE?**

P Let us pray. O God, give us grace to be true to our Lord, not betraying Him, being false toward Him, or otherwise rejecting Him. Strengthen us that we may be faithful to Him in all things, at all times, in every situation; for we ask it in Jesus’ name.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**





***The Third Station: The Sanhedrin Condemns Jesus***

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Mark 14:55-56; 61-64*

<sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council sought testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. <sup>56</sup> For many bore false witness against him, and their witness did not agree. <sup>61</sup> But he was silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son of man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup> And the high priest tore his garments, and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 6:6-7

P I grow weary because of my groaning;

C **EVERY NIGHT I DRENCH MY BED AND FLOOD  
MY COUCH WITH TEARS.**

P My eyes are wasted with grief;

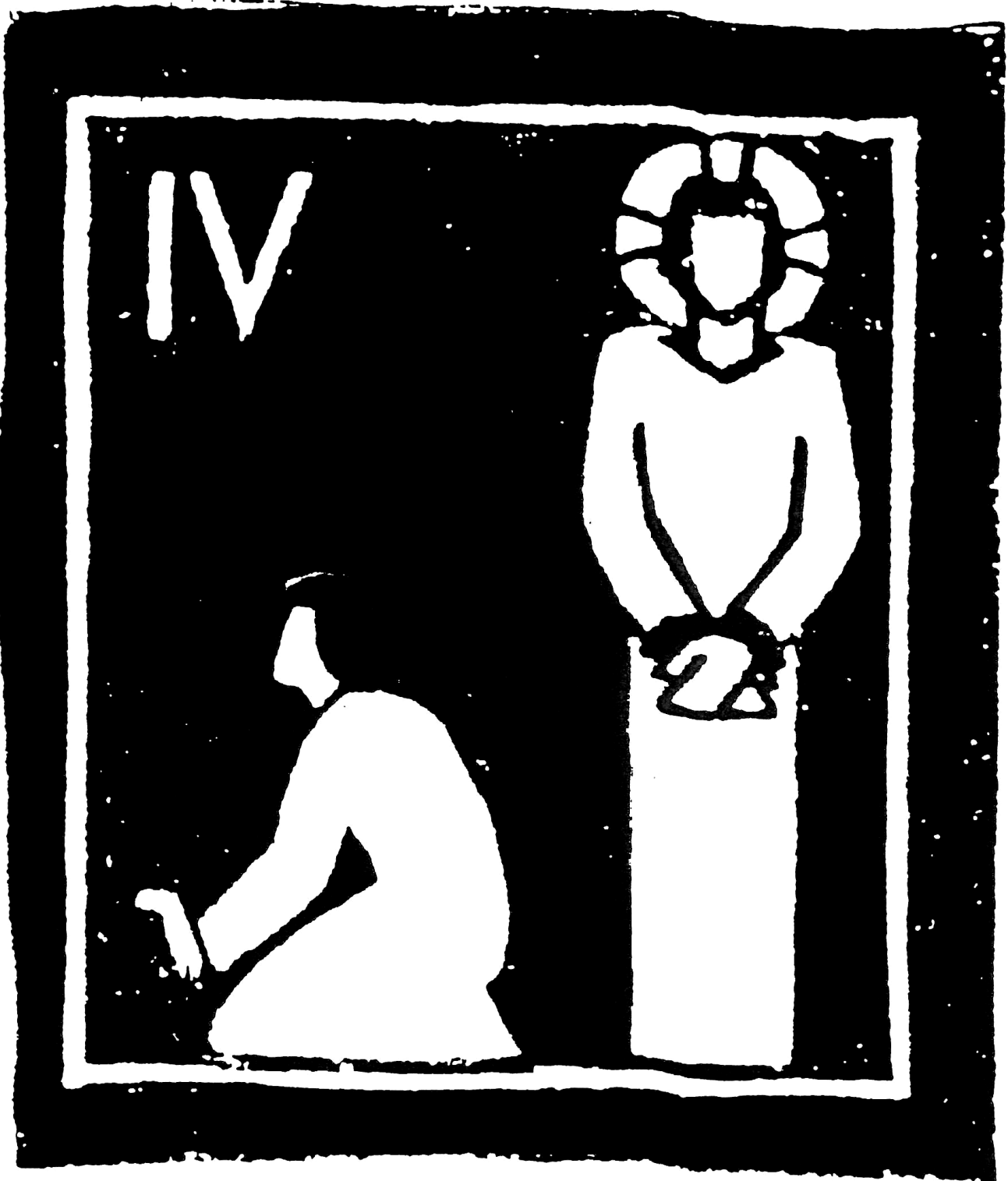
C **AND WORN AWAY BECAUSE OF ALL MY ENEMIES.**

P Let us pray. O God, in the midst of difficult situations, empower us to witness to Jesus as Christ, your only Son, our Savior. When enemies of Jesus are speaking against Him, give us courage to proclaim with power, the truth of His passion, death and resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



*The Fourth Station: Jesus Is Denied by Peter*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Luke 22:54-62*

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance; <sup>55</sup> and when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. <sup>56</sup> Then a maid, seeing him as he sat in the light and gazing at him, said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup> And a little later some one else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." <sup>59</sup> And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. <sup>61</sup> And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 6:9-10

P The Lord has heard my supplication;

C **THE LORD ACCEPTS MY PRAYER.**

P All my enemies shall be confounded and quake with fear;

C **THEY SHALL TURN BACK AND SUDDENLY BE  
PUT TO SHAME.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, how many times we have denied you, your presence in the world and your love in our lives. By our faithless words and deeds, we betray you once, twice, yes, even three times. With Peter, we weep bitterly. We ask your forgiveness and mercy, and your Spirit, for the amendment of our lives. We ask it in your holy name.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



## *The Fifth Station: Pilate Condemns Jesus to the Cross*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Mark 15:1, 6-15*

<sup>1</sup> And as soon as it was morning the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. <sup>6</sup> Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup> And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. <sup>8</sup> And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he was wont to do for them. <sup>9</sup> And he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" <sup>10</sup> For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. <sup>11</sup> But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. <sup>12</sup> And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?" <sup>13</sup> And they cried out again, "Crucify him." <sup>14</sup> And Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." <sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 130:1-3

P Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;

C **LET YOUR EARS CONSIDER WELL THE VOICE OF MY  
SUPPLICATION.**

P If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss;

C **O LORD, WHO COULD STAND?**

P For there is forgiveness with you;

C **THEREFORE YOU SHALL BE FEARED.**

P Let us pray. All-powerful and eternal God, for proclaiming the truth, your Son, Jesus Christ, is condemned to death by crucifixion. Stir up your love in our hearts so that we may be ever faithful to all that You have told us, and fear nothing more than the loss of your friendship; through Christ our Lord.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



*The Sixth Station: Jesus Is Scourged and Crowned With Thorns*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of our Lord: *St. John 19:1-3*

<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. <sup>2</sup> And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; <sup>3</sup> they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*Responsive Psalm 130:4-5*

P I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for Him;

C **IN HIS WORD IS MY HOPE.**

P My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen  
For the morning;

C **MORE THAN WATCHMEN FOR THE MORNING.**

P Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, your scourging was truly a cruel punishment. The pain of the crown of thorns pierced your brow. Your blood flowed down your face and you tasted it in your mouth. We cannot imagine the suffering you endured for our sake. We want to turn away, but we keep our eyes fixed on you, who are our only hope for salvation. In your holy name.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**





*The Seventh Station: Jesus Is Mocked by the Soldiers and Given His Cross*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Mark 15:16, 18a, 19-20*

<sup>16</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas; and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. <sup>18</sup>And they began to salute him. <sup>19</sup>And they struck his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and they knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 130:6-7

P O Israel, wait for the Lord,

C **FOR WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY;**

P With Him there is plenteous redemption,

C **AND HE SHALL REDEEM ISRAEL FROM  
ALL THEIR SINS.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, stripped of everything, You stood exposed to the jeers and contempt of the people whom You loved. Clothe us with genuine love of others, so that nothing we suffer may ever fill our hearts with hatred or bitterness; in your name we pray.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



*The Eighth Station: Jesus Is Helped By Simon of Cyrene*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Mark 15:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him. <sup>21</sup> And they compelled a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 32:3-5

P While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,

C **BECAUSE OF MY GROANING ALL DAY LONG.**

P For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;

C **MY MOISTURE WAS DRIED UP AS IN THE  
HEAT OF SUMMER.**

P Then I acknowledged my sin to you,

C **AND DID NOT CONCEAL MY GUILT.**

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

C **THEN YOU FORGAVE ME THE GUILT OF MY SIN.**

P Let us pray. O God, your blessed Son came not to be served but to serve. Bless all who, following in His steps, give themselves in service to others, as Simon helped your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

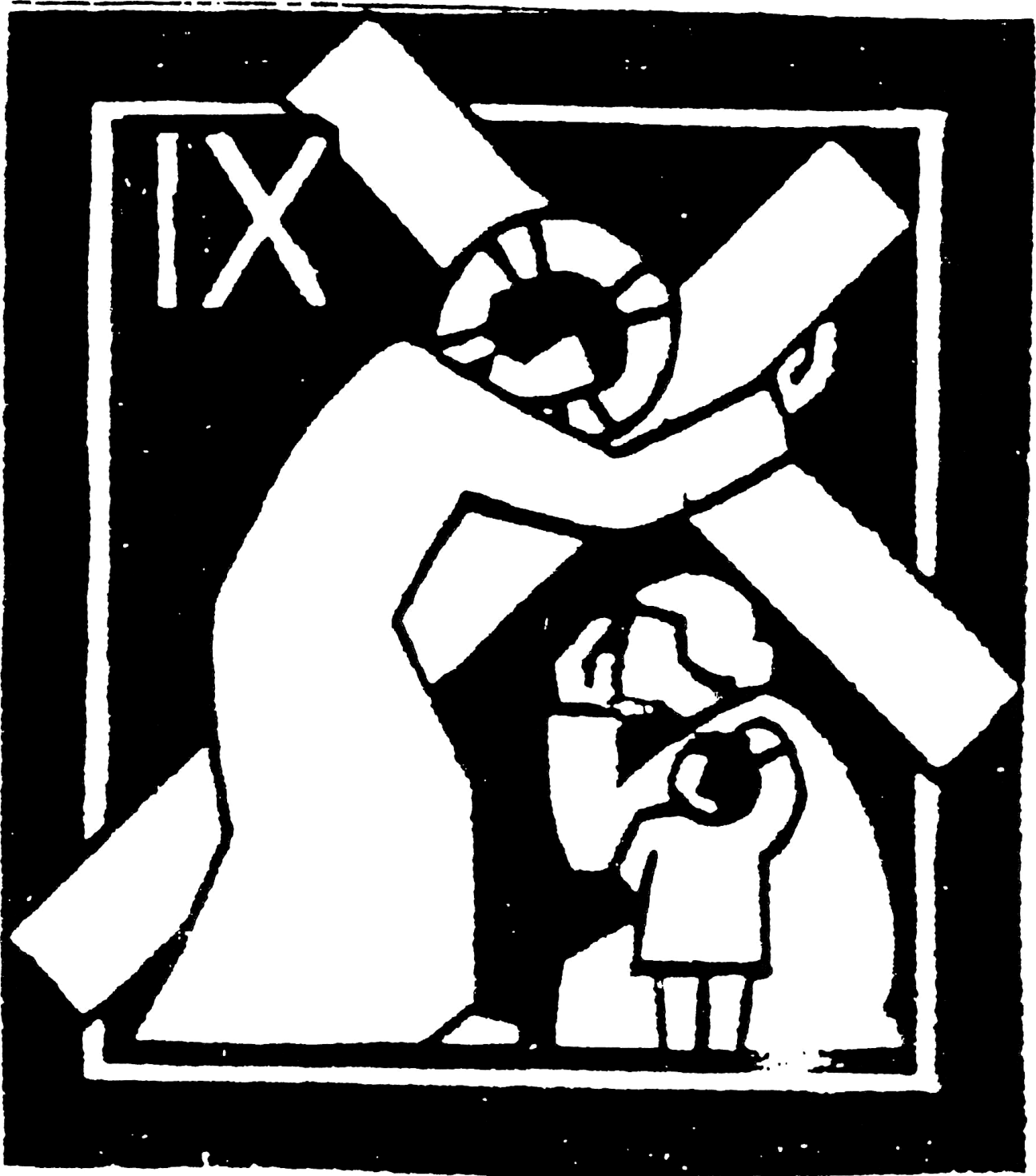
C **AMEN.**

P Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me;

C **CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



*The Ninth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Luke 23:27-31*

<sup>27</sup> And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup> For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 38:2-3

P Lord, punish me no more in your anger;

C **IN YOUR WRATH, DO NOT CHASTISE ME!**

P Your arrows have sunk deep in me;

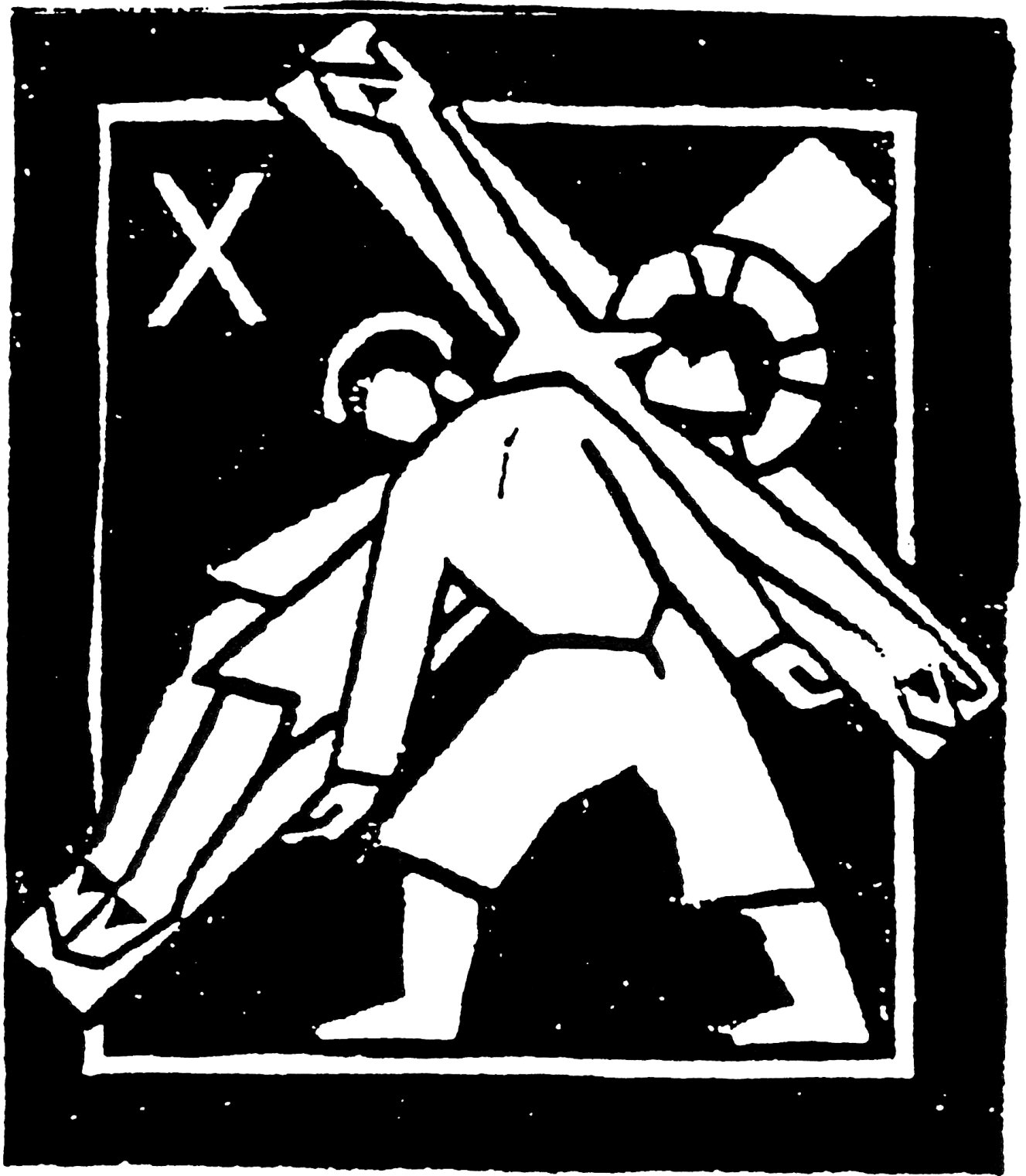
C **YOUR HAND HAS COME DOWN UPON ME.**

P Let us pray. O God, teach your Church to mourn the sins of which we are guilty, and to repent and forsake them, that by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



*The Tenth Station: Jesus Is Crucified*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Mark 15:22-26*

<sup>22</sup> And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him, and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. <sup>25</sup> And it was the third hour, when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 38:10-12

P My Lord, my deepest yearning is before you;

C **MY GROANING IS NOT HIDDEN FROM YOU.**

P My heart shudders, my strength forsakes me;

C **THE VERY LIGHT OF MY EYES HAS FAILED.**

P Friends and companions shun my pain;

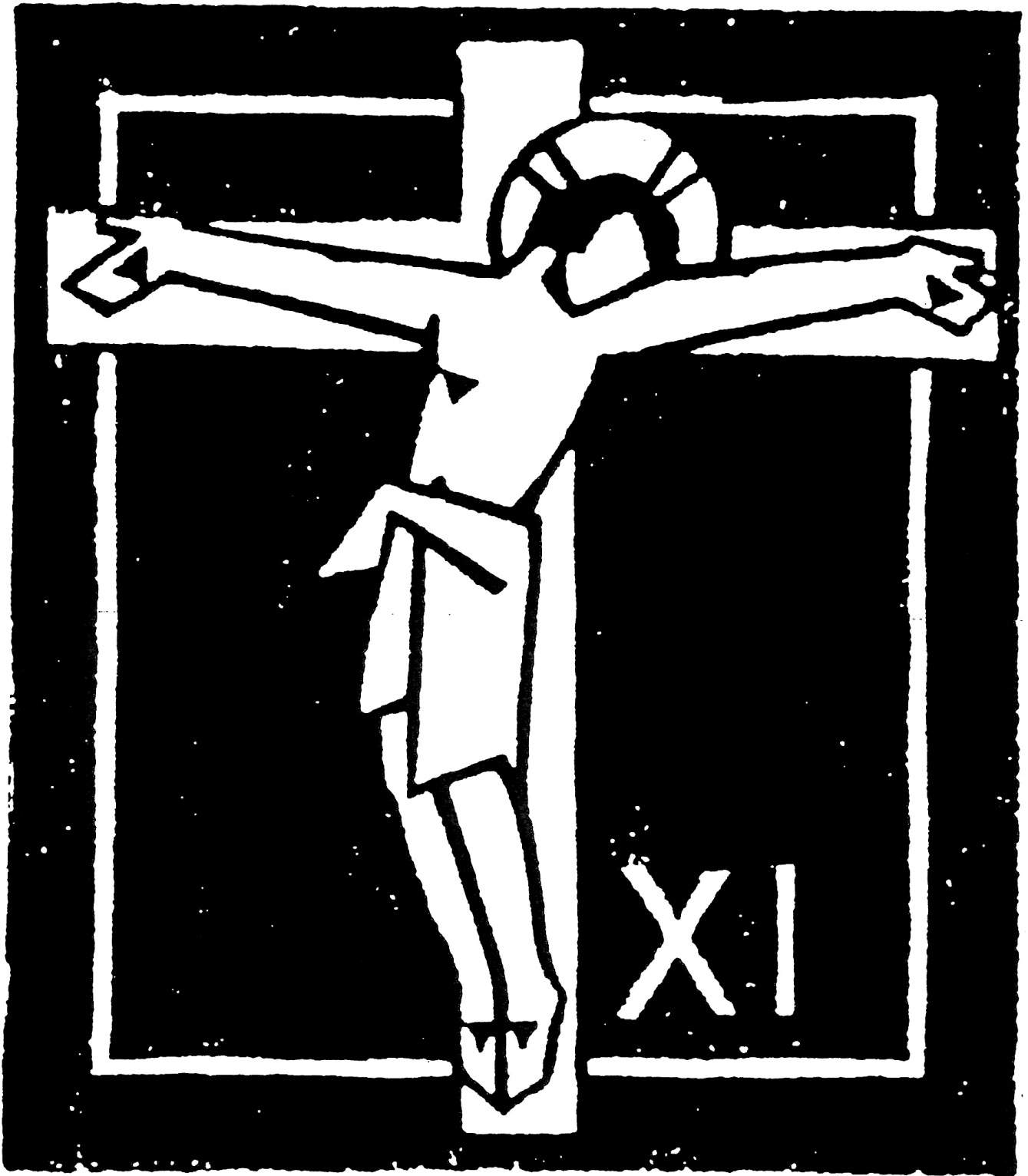
C **MY NEIGHBORS STAND FAR OFF.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross, that everyone might be embraced by your saving death. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in your love, may bring those who do not know you to stand with us, at the foot of your cross, to the honor of your holy name.

C **AMEN.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**





*The Eleventh Station: Jesus Promises Paradise to the Thief on the Cross*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS, YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Luke 23:33, 39-43*

<sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 51:1-2, 8-9

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;

C **IN YOUR GREAT COMPASSION BLOT OUT MY OFFENSES.**

P Wash me through and through from my wickedness,

C **AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN.**

P Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

C **WASH ME, AND I SHALL BE CLEAN INDEED.**

P Make me hear of joy and gladness,

C **THAT THE BODY YOU HAVE BROKEN MAY REJOICE.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you promised paradise to the criminal who called upon you. Cause us to be repentant, and we beg you, remember us when you come into your Kingdom; for we ask it in your holy name.

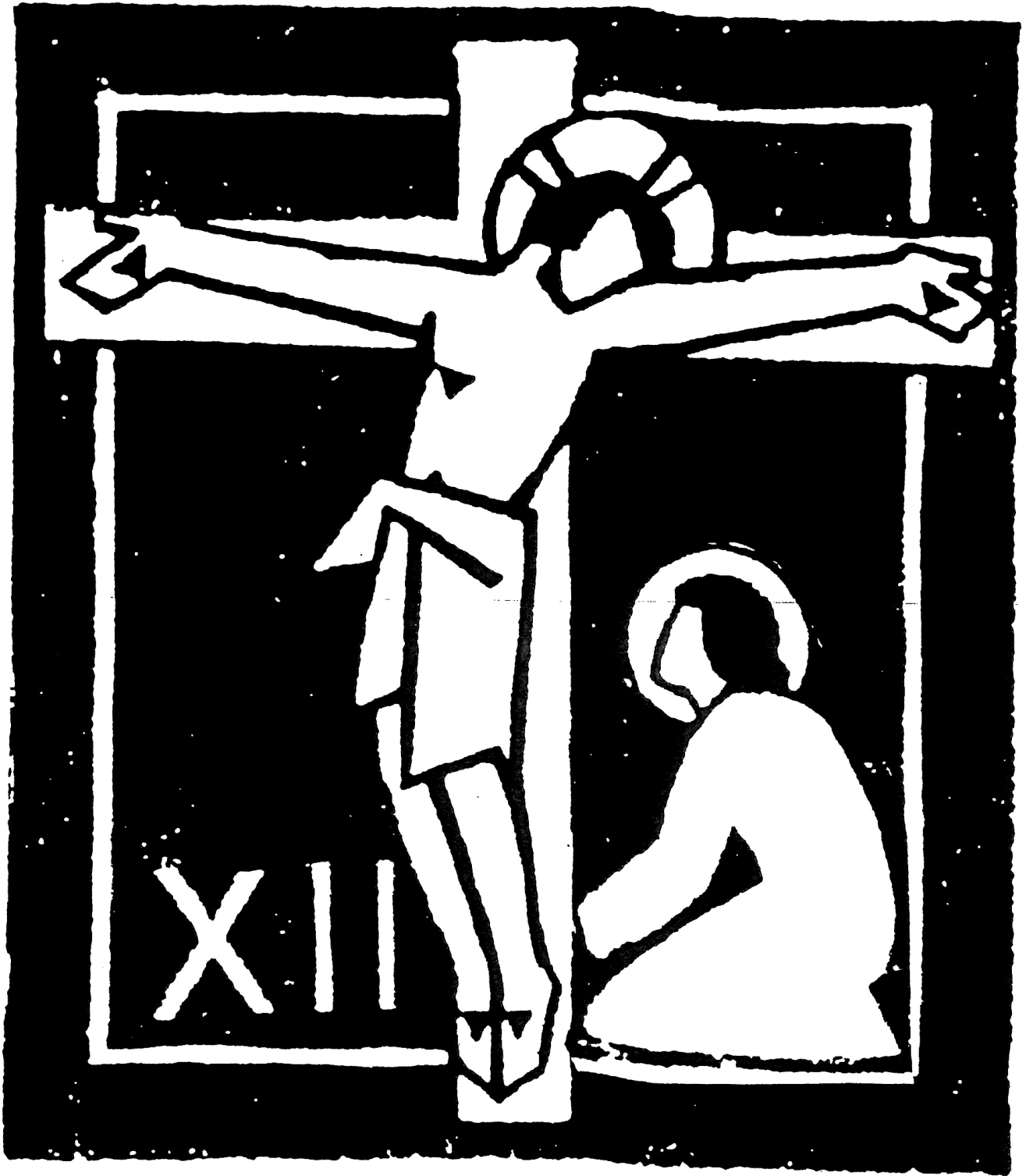
C **AMEN.**

P You will not abandon me to the grave,

C **NOR LET YOUR HOLY ONE SEE CORRUPTION.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



*The Twelfth Station: Jesus Speaks to His Mother and His Disciple*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. John 19:25-27*

<sup>25</sup> So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 143:7-8

P O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;

C **DO NOT HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME OR I SHALL  
BE LIKE THOSE WHO GO DOWN TO THE PIT.**

P Let me hear of your lovingkindness in the morning,  
For I put my trust in you;

C **SHOW ME THE ROAD THAT I MUST WALK,  
FOR I LIFT UP MY SOUL TO YOU.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, with these words, you give your mother to us, as well, making her the mother of the Church. As she offered her son for us, give us courage to offer you to the world, that we may share in her task of bringing the Christ to all people. In your name we pray.

C **AMEN.**

P At this I weep, my eyes run with tears;

C **FAR FROM ME ARE ALL WHO COULD CONSOLE ME.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



*The Thirteenth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED  
THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Matthew 27:45-50*

<sup>45</sup> Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. <sup>46</sup> And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” <sup>47</sup> And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “This man is calling Elijah.” <sup>48</sup> And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” <sup>50</sup> And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 22:1-2

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me;

C **AND ARE SO FAR FROM MY CRY, AND FROM  
THE WORDS OF MY DISTRESS?**

P O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;

C **BY NIGHT AS WELL, BUT I FIND NO REST.**

P Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, that by his glorious resurrection we might be delivered from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Him forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

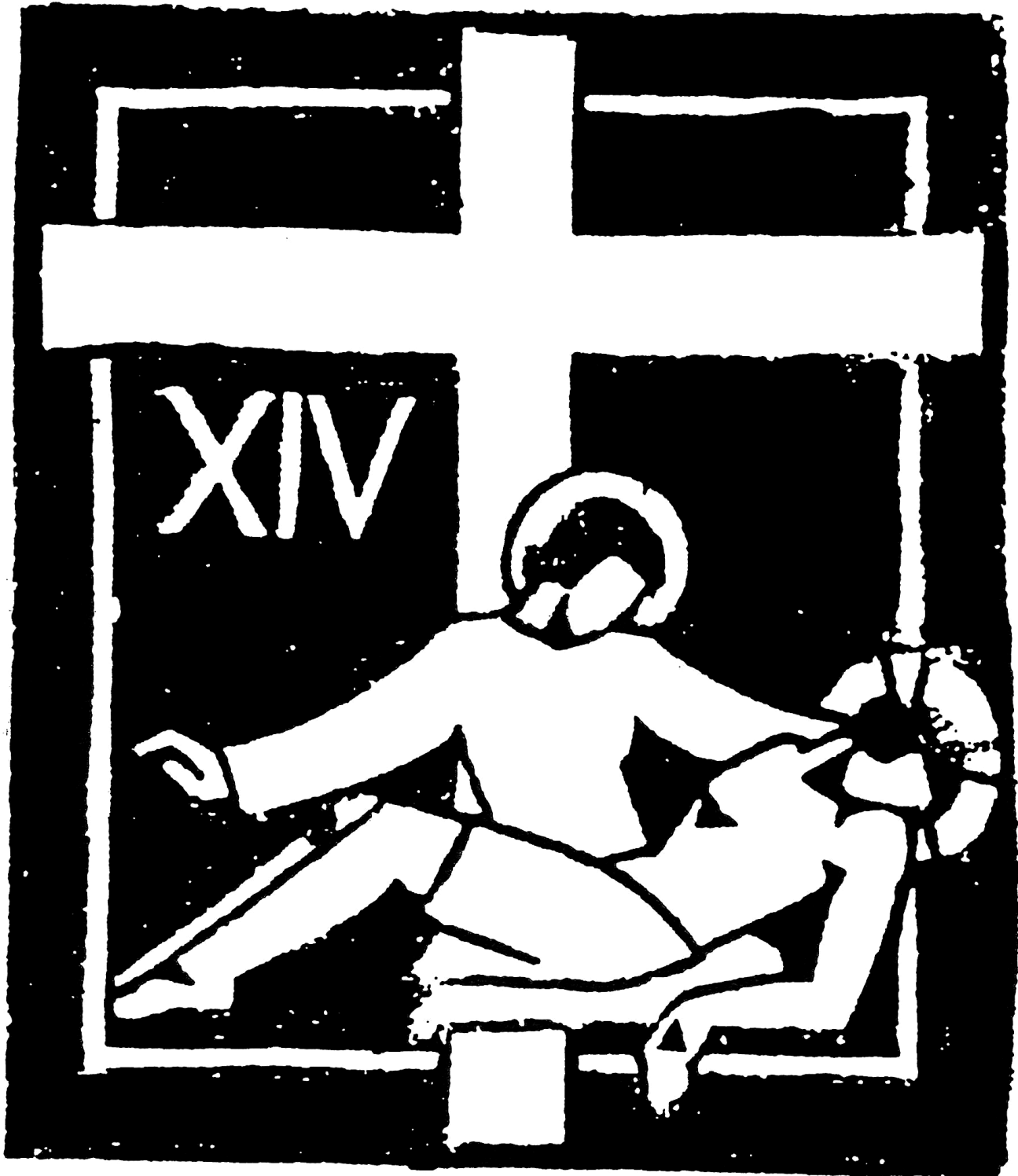
C **AMEN.**

P Christ for us became obedient unto death,

C **EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **HAVE MERCY AND HEAR US.**



***The Fourteenth Station: Jesus Is Buried in the Tomb***

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.**

A Reading from the Passion of Our Lord: *St. Mark 15:42-46*

<sup>42</sup> And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, <sup>43</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup> And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. <sup>45</sup> And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup> And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Responsive Psalm 62:1-2, 6-7

P For God alone my soul in silence waits, from Him comes my salvation.

C **HE ALONE IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION, MY STRONGHOLD, SO THAT I SHALL NOT BE GREATLY SHAKEN.**

P For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in Him.

C **HE ALONE IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION, MY STRONGHOLD, SO THAT I SHALL NOT BE SHAKEN.**

P Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C **AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND SHALL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

P Let us pray. O God, your blessed Son was laid to rest in a borrowed tomb. As death came through the sin of one man, Adam, so now has resurrection come through one man, Jesus Christ. Grant that we who have been buried with Him, in the waters of Baptism, may find our hope in His eternal and glorious Kingdom, where He lives and reigns forever and ever.

C **AMEN.**

P Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood, You have redeemed us.

C **SAVE US AND HELP US, WE HUMBLY BESEECH YOU, O LORD.**

*The candle is carried from the church.*

*We sit in silence. After a time, the candle is returned and the service continues ...*

The Lord's Prayer

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Versicles

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*Silence is kept for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior,  
the mystery of redemption. The response concludes the service.*

P We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C **BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.**

**Please leave in silence.**

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**Offering:** A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service.

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## Serving Today

Pastor David Wendel  
Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister  
SACRISTAN- Fred Pfanz  
SOUND TECHNICIANS-Paul Grant, Eric Bush, Chris Banks

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*Please join our*

### *Easter Sunday Celebrations!*

April 20 **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

PASTOR DAVID WENDEL

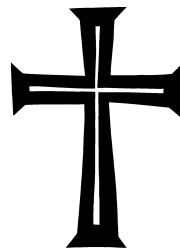
**Services at 8:15 and 11am.:** A festive service of Word and Sacrament, with brass ensemble and choir! The Easter sermon is titled, "Be Glad and Rejoice!" During the sermon at both services, younger children who wish may depart the sanctuary for an age-appropriate story.

A light continental breakfast will be served between services.

*A nursery will be available for both services. No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.*







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**Vision Statement:** We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.

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