



**Taize**

**The Way Of The Cross**

# Introduction

## Opening Prayer

### Chant:

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

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## THE GARDEN

### Reading: *Luke 22:41-42*

*He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.'*

### Chant:

Stay with me, remain here with me.  
Watch and pray, watch and pray.

## THE SENTENCE

### Reading: *John 19:15-16*

*They cried out, 'Away with him, away with him, crucify him!' Then Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross.*

### Chant:

Oh Adoramus Te Domine!  
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## THE FALL

**Reading:** *Isaiah 53:6*

*We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

**Chant:**

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

## THE WOMEN

**Reading:** *Luke 23:27-28*

*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.'*

**Chant:**

O Lord Hear My Prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

## THE STRIPPING

**Reading:** *John 19:23-24*

*When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares. They said to one another, 'Let's not tear it. Let's cast lots for it to see who will get it.'*

**Chant:**

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

## **THE CRUCIFIXION**

**Reading:** *Luke 23:33-34*

*When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'*

**Silence**

## **THE BURIAL**

**Reading:** *Matthew 27:59-60*

*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.*

**Chant:**

Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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## **Adoration of the Cross**

*During the following chant, you are welcome to approach the cross at the front of church. You may choose to stand and reflect, stay seated in your chair, light a candle to place on the cross or a combination of these options.*

**Chant:**

*Kyrie, kyrie eleison. Kyrie, kyrie eleison.  
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.*

**Blessing**