



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

## Stations of the Cross

Lent

The Way of the Cross has always been a powerful and popular part of the faith tradition and devotional life for Catholics throughout the ages. The early practice of Christians attempting to retrace and walk the path of Jesus has always been a treasured way to commemorate the Passion and Death of Christ.

Beginning with Holy Week 1991, Pope John Paul II initiated and celebrated a new way of praying and walking the Stations of the Cross that is actually more in tune with the original ancient practice. He omitted some of the more traditional stations not based in Scripture, with the conviction that believers should experience a deeper and more accurate sense of the stories that witness to the power of the Paschal Mystery. With this in mind, he omitted the three falls of Jesus, the encounter with his mother, and the meeting with Veronica, as none of these are based in the Scriptures. Added were important scenes and moments that had been unfortunately overlooked for some time: Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Olives, the betrayal of Judas, Peter's denial, the judgment of Pilate, the scourging, the promise made to the good thief, and Jesus' words to his mother and the beloved disciple at the foot of the cross. So this version is really not "new" at all.

### Behold the Cross, Hurd



1, 5. Be-hold the cross on which was hung life's ver - y Lord, \_\_\_\_  
2. Nails in his hands, nails in his feet, a trai-tor kiss \_\_ up-  
3. Eyes that won't see, ears that won't hear, lips that de - ny \_\_\_\_ the



1, 5. God's on - ly Son; Ma - ry's own babe, so cold and so  
2. on \_\_\_\_ his cheek; and his pierced heart, now bro - ken in  
3. friend once so dear; slow - ly he turns and cap - tures your



1, 5. still, help-less be-fore her on Cal-va - ry hill. (to Vs 2)  
2. two, love cru - ci - fied \_\_\_\_ for me and for you. (to Vs 3)  
3. eye, then pass-es on \_\_\_\_ to Cal-v'ry to die. (to Vs 4)

Verse 4

4. Be-hold the cross of Christ in our midst: all those who bear his  
 4. wounds in their flesh. Suf-f'ring for crimes of mer-cy and peace,  
 4. signs of the king-dom on Cal-va-ry street.

2 to Vs. 5

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### In the Cross of Christ, Haugen

In the cross of Christ, our glo-ry, Christ, our sto-ry, Christ, our song.

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### O Sacred Head, Hurd

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed by  
 1. crown of pierc - ing thorn! O bleed - ing Head, so  
 1. wound - ed, re - viled and put to scorn!

1 to Verse 2

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**Mercy, Lord,** Kendzia



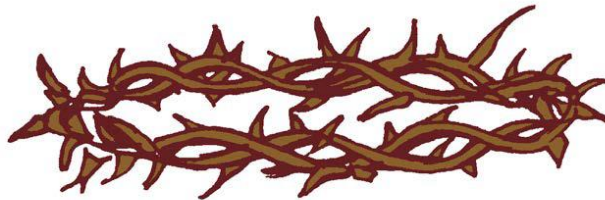
Mer - cy, Lord. Mer - cy, Lord.



Mer - cy, Lord, on us.

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# Take Up Our Cross, Stephan

Verses

1. Be-hold the wood that bears our name;  
 2. We embrace the sac - ri - fice,

1. be - hold the nails that hold our sin.  
 2. and walk the path we can - not see.

1. The tree from which sal - va - tion blooms;  
 2. The bur - dens of this world made light;

1. the death by which we're born a - gain.  
 2. by blood and thorn we are re - deemed.

Refrain

We take up our cross and fol - low him; we  
 lay down our lives that we might live. We  
 car - ry the hope of Christ with-in; we take up our cross  
 and fol - low him.

1, Final (Fine) to Verse 2 2 to Bridge 3

## Bridge

Lift him high, lift him high; let his name be glorified.  
 Lift him high, lift him high; let his name be glorified. (to Refrain)

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