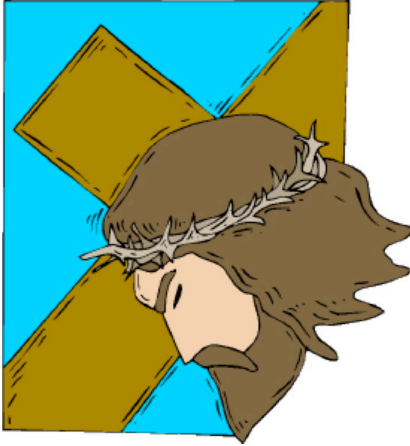


STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross (also called the Way of the Cross) is a traditional liturgical devotion commemorating the last day of Jesus' life. The devotion originated with pilgrims in Jerusalem retracing the traditional steps Jesus is believed to have followed on Good Friday. Since not all Christians could make



pilgrimages to Jerusalem, however, the custom arose of replicating the devotion in congregational and individual settings, often with images or carvings on the walls of a church to commemorate each of the traditional 14 stations (or stops) on the Way of the Cross.

The Church through the centuries has used many forms of praying the Stations of the Cross. The form here, prepared by The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, offers the opportunity for Christians to meditate on each of the stations by contemplating the needs of

suffering people in God's creation today. The devotions challenge us to think about how we – the ministers of God's reconciliation in Christ – can honor Christ's sacrifice by offering ourselves to the healing and repair of the world God sent his Son to save.

- *The Stations of the Cross for Global Justice and Reconciliation*
- http://episcopal.grassroots.com/resources/EPPN_stations_of_the_cross_booklet.pdf
- *Praying and Doing the Stations of the Cross with Children* (2000: Twenty-third Publications) by Diane Abajian
- *Stations of the Cross* by C.E. Visminis (Morehouse)
- *Everyone's Way of the Cross* by Clarence Enzler (2000: Ave Maria Press)
- *Sharing the Banquet: Liturgical Renewal in Your Parish* by Paul Maclean and Douglas Cowling (1993: Liturgy Training Publications)
- *Keeping Lent, Triduum and Eastertime* by Peter Mazar (1996: Liturgy Training Publications)
- *Journey to Easter plus Fourteen Stations of the Cross* by Donna J. Olsen and Douglas P. Johnson (1997: Leader Resources)
- *A Walk in Jerusalem: Stations of the Cross* by John Peterson (1998: Morehouse)
- *The Way of the Cross* (14 Stations as the service appears in The Book of Occasional Services (1984: Forward Movement)
- *Walking the Way of Sorrows: Stations of the Cross* by Katerina Katsarka Whitley (2006: Morehouse)