

The Way of the Cross is an extract from a longer play called, "The Mystery of the Finding of the Cross" by Henri Gheon, the great French dramatist.

It is more of a devotional meditation than a play in the usual meaning of the word. It was written in the early 1930s and first performed in Tancremount, France, where it was reported that 'at every single performance the spectators were so overcome that many in the audience fell on their knees and silence possessed a crowd of five or six thousand people'. It has since been translated into five languages and into English in 1938.

The play is usually performed by four players who speak for the watchers and characters in the Passion. This time you have seen it as a monologue. By words and gestures the Passion story is told.

The pictures and words of the Stations of the Cross around the church are taken from 'Were you there' by African American, Diana Hayes, The artist is Nigerian, Charles S. Ndege. Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York, 2000

Holy Week and Easter Services

***Thursday April 21**

6:30pm Agape Meal

8:00pm The continuation of the Eucharist, Washing of the feet, Stripping of the Altar and Tennebrae

***Friday April 22**

10:30am Good Friday Liturgy

Stations of the Cross around the neighbourhood finishing with the Solemn Liturgy at the church

***Saturday April 23**

8pm Easter Vigil

***Sunday April 24**

8am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am Sung Eucharist with choir



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

by Henri Gheon
with Taize chants & Eucharist

7.30 pm – April 20 2011
St. Theodore of Canterbury Anglican Church
111 Cactus Ave.

April 20 2011
Wednesday of Holy Week
The Way of the Cross
with Taize chants and Eucharist

The evening is a meditative experience for personal reflection.

Please follow and sing softly the chants – feel free to sit or knee; as you wish. Following the service you are welcome to look at the displayed Stations of the Cross or leave in silence.

Confitemini Domino (*Sung five times*)

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.
Confitemini Domino, alleluia!

*(Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!)

Opening prayer:

O God we pray this day, for all who have a song they cannot sing, for all who have a burden they cannot bear, for all who live in chains they cannot break, for all who wander homeless and cannot return, for those who are sick and for those who tend them, for those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain, for those who live in hunger and for those who will not share their bread, for those who are misunderstood and for those who misunderstand, for those who are captives and for those who are captors, for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts and for those who yearn to hear those words. Have mercy on these, O God. Have mercy upon us all. Amen.

Stay with me (*Sung five times*)

Stay with me, remain with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray

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In the Lord (*Sung five times*)

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid, lift up you voices,
the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #7

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Communion

Closing Prayer:

Eternal Spirit, earth-maker, pain bearer, life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all. Loving God in whom is heaven; the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the people of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

In respect for others, please maintain the silence until you have left the building.