The reader and people together handed over his spirit. He said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a Lamb to the slaughter, and like a sheep silent before his shearers, so he opened not his mouth.

They divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and they cast lots for my clothing.""
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All you who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. My eyes are spent with weeping; my soul is in tumult; my heart is poured out in grief because of the downfall of my people. "Do not call me Naomi (which means Pleasant), call me Mara (which means Bitter); for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me."

Reader: Her tears run down her cheeks:
People: And she has none to comfort her.

Let us pray. (Silence)

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness, for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

The procession goes to the fourteenth station while all sing

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Fourteenth Station

Jesus is laid in the tomb

The reader and people together

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

Reader: You will not abandon me to the grave:
People: Nor let your holy One see corruption.

Let us pray. (Silence)

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The processional candles are returned to their stands while all sing

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Concluding Prayers before the Altar

Officiant: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:
People: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Let us pray. (Silence)

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joy, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

A Final Blessing

Officiant: May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Serving today

Officiant: The Rev. Peter W. Nielsen, III
Rector, St. Peter Episcopal Church, Ashtabula, OH