

Stations of the Cross



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You have redeemed the world.”

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All: Almighty and Eternal Father, accept our prayer of thanksgiving for Your beloved Son, Our Savior and Lord. As we recall His Sacred Passion, send the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, we beg You, so that whether we pray or work we might do all in union with Christ, Our Redeemer. Amen.

(STAND)

Sing: May we feel no bitter hatred,
When we too are persecuted,
Left alone to walk with You.

Fifteenth Station - Jesus is Raised from the Dead

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: In this station we contemplate the glorious triumph of Jesus over sin and death. This station is a station in which we can renew hope against all hopelessness. Jesus, Your Resurrection ushers in a new humanity. Because of this triumphant transfiguration in Your Resurrection, we proclaim in faith...*I believe in the resurrection of the body.*

All: Thank you, Risen Lord, for renewing us with new hope and the promise of resurrection and life. Praise, glory, thanksgiving to You, Risen Lord and Savior. Increase and deepen my faith in Your words...**I AM THE RESURRECTION.** Renew my faith and hope in Your Risen Presence now and forever. Amen.

(STAND)

Sing: And I will raise you up. And I will raise you up.
And I will raise you up on the last day.

Leader: Please be seated.

First Station - Jesus is Condemned to Death

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: Again the high priest began to ask him, and said to him, “Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?” And Jesus said to him, “I am. And you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Father and coming with the clouds of heaven.” But the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” And they all condemned him as liable to death.

(Kneel and pause)

All: The kings of the earth rise up and the princes conspire together against the Lord and against the anointed. I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; the Lord said to me: “You are my Son: this day I have begotten You. Ask of me and I will give You the nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for Your possession.”

(STAND)

Sing: Now the cross as Jesus bore it,
Has become for us who share it,
The jeweled cross of victory.

Second Station - Jesus Carries His Cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

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Leader: And Pilate said to the Jews, “Behold, your king!” But they cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your king?” The chief priest answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. And so they took Jesus and led him away bearing the cross for himself.
(Jn 19:14-17)

(Kneel and pause)

All: Who would believe what we have heard? / To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? / He grew up like a sapling before Him, like a shoot from the parched earth; / there was in Him no stately bearing to make us look at Him, / no appearance that would attract us to Him. He was rejected and avoided by men, / a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity, / one of those from whom men turn away, / and we held Him in no esteem.
(Is 53:1-3)

(STAND)

Sing: Weakened, prodded, cursed, and fallen,
His whole body bruised and swollen,
Jesus tripped and lay in pain.

Fourteenth Station - Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

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Leader: Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus, and wrapping it in a clean linen cloth he laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of rock. Then he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and departed.

(Kneel and pause)

All: I will praise You, O Lord, for You drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me. / O Lord, You brought me up from the netherworld; / You preserved me from among those going down into the pit. / Sing praise to the Lord, You his faithful ones, and give thanks to His holy name. / For His anger lasts but a moment; His good will is for a lifetime. / At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with dawn comes rejoicing. (Ps 30:2-5)

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Thirteenth Station - The Body of Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

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(Kneel and pause)

All: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, / and I will bring you back to your land. / Then you shall know that I am Lord. / O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live. / You shall know then that I am the Lord. / I have promised it, / and I will do it, says the Lord. (Ez 37:12-14)

(STAND)

Sing: Jesus, Lord, Your gift accepted,
In three days You resurrected,
You did first what we shall do.

Third Station - Jesus Falls the First Time

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before you. If you were of the world, the world would love what is its own. Because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the Word that I have spoken to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also. (Jn 15:18-20)

(Kneel and pause)

All: Why are your clothes red, / and your garments like those of the wine presser? / “The wine press I have trodden alone, / and of my people there was no one with me. / I trod them in my anger, and trampled them down in my wrath; / their blood spurted on my garments and I stained all my clothes. / I looked about, but there was no one to help. / I was appalled that there was no one to lend support; / so my own arm brought about the victory.” (Is 63:2-5)

(STAND)

Sing: Jesus met His grieving Mother,
She who made the Lord our Brother;
Now the sword her heart has pierced.

Fourth Station - Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: Now there were standing by the cross of Jesus His Mother and His Mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus, therefore, saw His Mother and the disciple standing by, whom He loved, He said to His Mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (Jn 19:25-27)

(Kneel and pause)

All: To what can I compare you, O daughter Jerusalem? / What example can I show you for your comfort, virgin daughter Zion? / For great as the sea is your distress; / who can heal you? (Lam 2:13)

(STAND)

Sing: Simon stopped in hesitation,
Not foreseeing his proud station,
Called to bear the Cross of Christ.

Twelfth Station - Jesus Dies on the Cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the curtain of the temple was torn in the middle. Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said, "It is finished. Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Then, bowing His head, He died. (Lk 23:44-46)

(Kneel and pause)

All: My people, what have I done to you? / or in what have I offended you? / Answer me. "What more should I have done, and did not do? / I led you out of the land of Egypt, and you prepared a cross for me. / I opened the Red Sea before you, and you opened my side with a lance. / I gave you a royal scepter, and you have given me a crown of thorns. / With great power I lifted you up, and you have hung me upon a cross. / My people, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? / Answer me."
(From *The Reproaches of the Good Friday Liturgy*)

(STAND)

Sing: Stunned and stricken, Mary Mother,
In your arms was placed our Brother,
"Full of grace" now filled with grief.

Our Mother of Sorrows Station

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: In this Station, contemplate the great sorrow of Mary as she sees her Son, Jesus, nailed to the cross and then witnesses His dying and death. Before He dies on the cross, He entrusts His Mother ...the Patroness of our parish...to us.

All: Mary, Mother of Sorrows, thank you for your compassion and pondering all these things in your heart. Teach us and show us the way to be compassionate...suffering along with Jesus in others through lives of loving service. Our Mother of Sorrows ...our Patroness, pray for us.

(STAND)

Sing: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
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Fifth Station - Simon Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: And when they had mocked Jesus, they took the purple cloak off and put His own clothes on Him, and they led Him out to be crucified. Then they forced a certain passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, to take up His cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, a name meaning "the place of the skull". (Mk 15:20-22)

(Kneel and pause)

All: With a loud voice I cry out to the Lord: / With a loud voice I beseech the Lord. / My complaint I pour out before Him; before Him I lay bare my distress. / When my spirit is faint within me, You know my path. / In the way along which I walk they have hid a trap for me. / I look to the right to see but there is no one who pays me heed. / I have lost all means of escape; / there is no one who cares for my life. (Ps 142:1-4)

(STAND)

Sing: Brave but trembling came the woman,
None but she would flaunt the Roman,
Moved by love beyond her fear.

Sixth Station - Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: “Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger, and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?” And answering the king will say to them, “Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.” (Mt 25:37-40)

(Kneel and pause)

All: A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; / he who finds one finds a treasure. / A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance his worth. / A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy, such as he who fears God finds; / for he who fears God behaves accordingly, / and his friend will be like himself. (Sir 6:14-17)

(STAND)

Sing: Prostrate on the dust He crumbled,
Flogged in Body He resembled
All our brothers poor and scorned.

Eleventh Station - Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: When they came to Golgotha, the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus and the robbers, one on His right and the other on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Lk 23:33-34a)

(Kneel and pause)

All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me, / far from my prayer, far from the words of my cry? / O my God, I cry out by day, and you answer not; / I cry out by night, and there is no relief for me. / All my bones are racked. / My heart has become like wax melting away within my chest. / My throat is dried up like baked clay, my tongue cleaves to my jaws. / They have pierced my hands and my feet; / I can count all my bones. (Ps 22:1-2, 15a, 16b, 17a)

(STAND)

Sing: Life eternal, death defiant,
Bowed His head - the world was silent,
Through His death came life anew.

Tenth Station - Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: They gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall; but when He had tasted it, He would not drink. Then after they had crucified Him, they divided His clothes, casting lots, to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet, "They divided my clothes among them, and upon my garments they cast lots."
(Mt 27:34-35)

(Kneel and pause)

All: Happy is the man whom God chastises! / Do not reject the punishment of the Almighty. / For He wounds, but He binds up; He smites, but His hands give healing. / Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak; / I looked for comforters, and I found none. / Rather they put gall in my food, and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. (Jb 5:17-18; Ps 69:20-21)

(STAND)

All: Pierced the hands that blessed and cured us,
Pierced the feet that walked to free us,
Walked the hill of Calvary.

Seventh Station - Jesus Falls the Second Time

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: It was our weaknesses that He carried, our sufferings that He endured, while we thought of Him as stricken, as one struck by God and afflicted. But He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon Him was the punishment that makes us whole, by His stripes we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each following his own way; but the Lord laid upon Him the guilt of us all. (Is 53:4-6)

(Kneel and pause)

All: Though He was harshly treated, / He submitted and opened not His mouth; / like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, / He was silent and uttered no cry. / When He was cut off from the land of the living, and smitten for the sin of His people, / a grave was assigned Him among the wicked and a burial place with evildoers, / though He had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood. (Is 53:7-9)

(STAND)

Sing: May our sympathy for Jesus
Turn to those who here now need us,
May we see Christ bruised in them.

Eighth Station - Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: There was following Jesus a great crowd of people, and among them were some women who were bewailing and lamenting him. Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." (Lk 23:27-28)

(Kneel and pause)

All: Come, all you who pass by the way, / look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering, / suffering with which the Lord has afflicted me on the day of His blazing wrath. / At this I weep, my eyes run with tears: / far from me are all who could console me, / far away are any who might revive me. (Lam 1:12, 16)

(STAND)

Sing: Jesus fell again in weakness,
Stumbling as we do, to lead us
Through our sorrow and our pain.

Ninth Station - Jesus Falls a Third Time

Leader: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. (Genuflect)

All: Because, by Your holy cross, You have redeemed the world.

Leader: I lie prostrate in the dust; give me life according to Your Word. I declared my ways, and You answered me; teach me Your commands. Make me understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on Your wondrous deeds. My soul weeps for sorrow; strengthen me with Your words. (Ps 119:25-28)

(Kneel and pause)

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation; / whom should I fear? / The Lord is my life's refuge; / of whom should I be afraid? / When evildoers come at me to devour my flesh, / my foes and my enemies themselves stumble and fall. / Though an army encamp against me, / my heart will not fear; / though war be waged upon me, even then will I trust. (Ps 27:1-3)

(STAND)

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Jesus stood in desolation,
Giving all He had to give.

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