

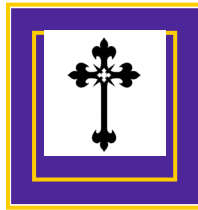
Stations of the Cross

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Jesus, Lord, condemned, defiled,
May we too be meek and mild
As we tread your holy way.

Opening Prayer

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



First Station: *Jesus is condemned to death*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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

Second Station: *Jesus carries the cross*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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

Third Station: *Jesus falls the first time*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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

Fifth Station: *Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Prostrate on the dust he crumbled,
Flogged in body he resembled
All our brother's poor and scorned.



Seventh Station: *Jesus falls the second time*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Stripped and jeered by his own nation,
Jesus stood in desolation,
Giving all he had to give.

Tenth Station: *Jesus is stripped of his clothes*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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



Eleventh Station: *Jesus is nailed to the cross*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by holy cross you have redeemed the world.

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

Twelfth Station: *Jesus dies on the cross*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Stunned and stricken, Mary, Mother
In your arms was placed our brother,
“Full of grace” now filled with grief.

Thirteenth Station: *The body of Jesus is taken down
from the cross*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus, Lord, your gift accepted,
In three days you resurrected,
You did first what we shall do.

Fourteenth Station: *Jesus is laid in the tomb*

Pr.: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus, risen, be our lover
In your food and in your brother.
Lead us home to heav'n with you.

Closing: *The Resurrection of Jesus*



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