

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May the Lord Jesus, who suffered for us and by his paschal mystery redeemed us, be with you all. And with your Spirit.

Lord and Father all-holy, you willed that your Son's cross should become the source of all blessings, the cause of all graces. Grant that we who on earth hold fast to the mysteries of his sacred passion may in heaven enter into the joys of his resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**STAND: The First Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus is sentenced to death

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought Jesus before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Messiah, a king." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted.

**ALL: Hide me from the malicious crowd, the mob of evildoers. They sharpen their tongues like swords; ready their bows for arrows of poison words.**

*At the cross her station keeping,  
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus to the last.*

**STAND: The Second Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus accepts the cross.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

The soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews." They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

**ALL: Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth.**

*Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,  
All his bitter anguish bearing,  
Now at length the sword has passed.*

**STAND: The Third Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus falls the first time.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured. While we thought of him as stricken, as one smitten by God and afflicted. But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins, Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed.

**ALL: In this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly habitation.**

*Oh, how sad and sore distressed  
Was that Mother highly blest  
Of the sole begotten One!*

**STAND: The Fourth Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus meets his mother Mary.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad because of her, all you who love her. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; As a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you.

**ALL: “Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.”**

*Christ above in torment hangs,  
She beneath beholds the pangs  
Of her dying, glorious Son.*

**STAND: The Fifth Station**

CELEBRANT: Simon helps Jesus carry the cross.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

As they led Jesus away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus.

**ALL: Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”**

*Is there one who would not weep,  
‘Whelmed in miseries so deep,  
Christ’s dear Mother to behold?*

**STAND: The Sixth Station**

CELEBRANT: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

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.

**ALL: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.**

*Can the human heart refrain  
From partaking in her pain,  
In that Mother’s pain untold?*

**STAND: The Seventh Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus falls again under the cross.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

The watchmen came upon me as they made their rounds of the city; They struck me, and wounded me, and took my mantle from me, the guardian of the walls. I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my lover — What shall you tell him? — that I am faint with love.

**ALL: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.**

**Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled,  
She beheld her tender Child,  
All with bloody scourges rent.**

**STAND: The Eighth Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children.”

**ALL:** Ruth said, “Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you! for wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people, and your God my God.”

*For the sins of his own nation  
Saw him hang in desolation  
Till his spirit forth he sent.*

**STAND: The Ninth Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus falls a third time.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

**ALL: You have folded up my life, like a weaver who severs the last thread. Like a swallow I utter shrill cries; I moan like a dove.**

*O sweet Mother! fount of love,  
Touch my spirit from above,  
Make my heart with yours accord.*

**STAND: The Tenth Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus is stripped of his garments.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

They brought Jesus to the place of Golgotha (which is translated Place of the Skull). They gave him wine drugged with myrrh, but he did not take it. Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take.

**ALL: Naked I came forth from my mother’s womb and naked shall I go back again. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD!**

*Make me feel as you have felt;  
Make my soul to glow and melt  
With the love of Christ, my Lord.*

**STAND: The Eleventh Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus is crucified.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Jesus and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. [Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”]

**ALL: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.**

*Holy Mother, pierce me through,  
In my heart each wound renew  
Of my Savior crucified.*

**STAND: The Twelfth Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus dies on the cross.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

At noon darkness came over the whole land until three o’clock in the afternoon. And at three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ... Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

**ALL: I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world.**

*Let me share with you his pain,  
Who for all our sins was slain,  
Who for me in torments died.*

**STAND: The Thirteenth Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus' mother and friends lower his body from the cross.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

There was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth.

**ALL: Come, all you who pass by the way, look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering.**

*Let me mingle tears with thee,  
Mourning him who mourned for me,  
All the days that I may live.*

**STAND: The Fourteenth Station**

CELEBRANT: Jesus' mother and friends lay his body in the tomb.

KNEEL

CELEBRANT: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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

(Stand) READER:

Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.

**ALL: My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope.**

*By the cross with you to stay,  
There with you to weep and pray,  
This I ask of you to give.*

**STAND If there has been a procession from station to station, it now moves in front of the altar.**

CELEBRANT: Jesus rises in glory victorious over death.

READER:

As the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone and sat upon it. Then the angel said to the women ... "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said."

ALL: Lord Jesus said: "I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you."

CELEBRANT: Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven...**

In conclusion, the celebrant says:

CELEBRANT: My friends, we have given witness to the life-giving passion of the Lord. Let us go in peace: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.