

# Stations of the Cross

## OPENING DEVOTION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

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### *Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

V. We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **First Station: Jesus is condemned to death**

### DEVOTION

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to die." When Pilate heard

these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

- V. God did not spare his own Son:  
R. But delivered him up for us all.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

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

**Choral Meditation**

“Jesus, so lowly”

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth:  
Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.  
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;  
Teach me that only love maketh glad.  
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;  
Be this the token love will not fail.  
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;  
Teach me how glorious death is to be.  
Text: Edith Williams

## **Second Station: Jesus takes up his cross**

### **DEVOTION**

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

Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgatha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

V. For the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:  
R. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Faithful cross above all other.  
One and only noble tree,  
None in foliage, none in blossom  
None in fruit thy peer may be.  
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron,  
Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

Bend thy boughs, O tree of glory!  
Thy relaxing sinews bend;  
For awhile the ancient rigor  
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;  
And the King of heavenly beauty  
Gently on thine arms extend.

Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One.  
One in might and one in glory  
While eternal ages run.