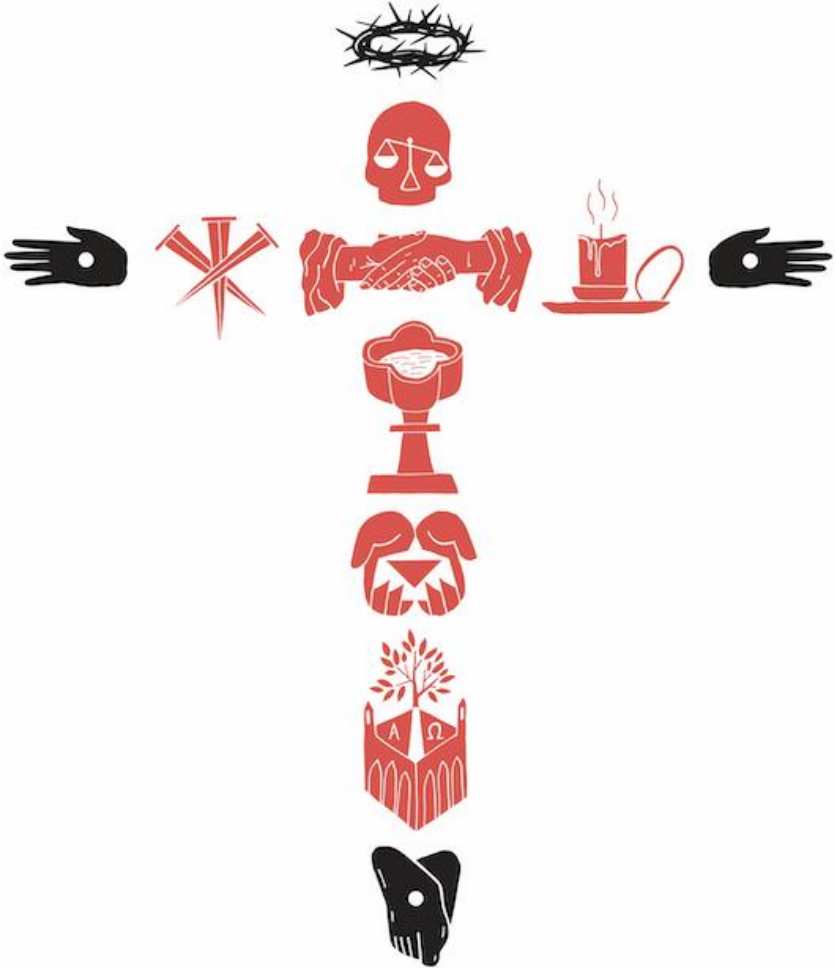


STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Adapted from the Book of Occasional Services



The above image is the work of artist Scott Erickson, entitled “Seven Sayings of Jesus,” a visual representation of the seven last sayings of Jesus on the cross.

Concerning the Service

The devotion known as the Way of the Cross is an adaptation to local usage of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death.

The number of stations, which at first varied widely, finally became fixed at fourteen. Of these, eight are based directly on events recorded in the Gospels. The remaining six (numbers 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 13) are based on inferences from the Gospel account or from pious legend. If desired, these six stations may be omitted.

The form which follows is appropriate either as a public service or as a private devotion, particularly on the Fridays of Lent, but it should not displace the Proper Liturgy of Good Friday.

Traditionally, the stations are made before a series of plain wooden crosses placed along the walls of the church or in some other convenient place. With each cross there is sometimes associated a pictorial representation of the event being commemorated.

The hymn *Stabat Mater* ("At the cross her vigil keeping" Hymnal 1982, 158) has frequently been associated with this service, but is not an integral part of it. Selected stanzas of this hymn may appropriately be sung at the entrance of the ministers, and (after the opening devotions before the Altar) as the procession approaches the first station.

— *The Book of Occasional Services*, Church Publishing Incorporated (1994)



Opening Devotions at the Altar

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, **who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Amen.**

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

℞. **In whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

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.**

*The stanzas of Stabat Mater are sung or said by all in procession to the next station.
The translation is used from the Saint Augustine's Prayer Book.*



**At the cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last.**

I. Jesus is Condemned to Death

℣. 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.

℣. God did not spare his own Son:

℞. **But delivered him up for us all.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

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.**



**Through her soul of joy bereavéd,
bow'd with anguish, deeply grievéd,
now at length the sword hath pass'd.**

II. Jesus Takes up His Cross

℣. 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, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to the 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.

℣. The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

℞. **For the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

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.**



**O that blessed one, grief-laiden,
blesséd mother, blessed maiden,
Mother of th' all-holy One;**

III. Jesus Falls the First Time

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

℞. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

℣. Surely he has borne our griefs:

℞. **And carried our sorrows.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



IV. Jesus Meets His Mother

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

V. A sword will pierce your own soul also:

R. **That the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



**Who on Christ's dear mother gazing,
in her trouble so amazing,
born of woman, would not weep?**

V. *The Cross is Laid upon Simon of Cyrene*

∇. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

℞. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

∇. Whoever does not bear their own cross and come after me:

℞. **Cannot be my disciple.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.



VI. A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

℞. Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

We have seen him without beauty or majesty, with no looks to attract our eyes. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of men. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.

℣. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts:

℞. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**Saw the Lord's anointed taken,
saw her child in death forsaken,
heard his last expir'ng cry.**

VII. Jesus Falls the Second Time

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

V. But as for me, I am a worm and no man:

R. **Scorned by all and despised by the people.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**



**Jesus, may her deep devotion
stir in me the same emotion,
Fount of love, Redeemer kind.**

VIII. Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

∇. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

℞. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

There followed after Jesus a great multitude of the people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

∇. Those who sowed with tears:

℞. **Will reap with songs of joy.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children’s children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**That my heart fresh ardor gaining,
and a purer love attaining,
may with thee acceptance find.**

IX. Jesus Falls the Third Time

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

I am the man who has seen affliction under the rod of his wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged me and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes. "Remember, O Lord, my affliction and bitterness, the wormwood and the gall!"

V. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter:

R. **And like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



**In the passion of my Maker,
be my sinful soul partaker,
may I bear with her my part;**

X. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

V. They gave me gall to eat:

R. **And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



**Of his passion bear the token,
in a spirit bow'd and broken,
bear his death within my heart.**

XI. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, “He was numbered with the transgressors.”

V. They pierce my hands and my feet:

R. **They stare and gloat over me.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**



**May his wounds both wound and heal me,
he enkindle, cleanse, and heal me,
be his cross my hope and stay.**

XII. Jesus Dies on the Cross

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. **Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished!” And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” And he bowed his head, and handed over his spirit.

All kneel or stand in silent prayer. If desired, one may pray an Our Father and Hail Mary silently. All rise with the Officiant.

V. Christ for us became obedient unto death:

R. **Even death on a cross.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**



**May he, when the mountains quiver,
from that flame which burns for ever
shield me on the judgement day.**

XIII. The Body of Jesus is Placed in the Arms of His Mother

℣. 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.”

℣. Her tears run down her cheeks:

℞. **And she has none to comfort her.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

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.**



**Jesus, may thy cross defend me,
and thy saving death befriend me,
cherish'd by thy deathless grace;**

XIV. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

R. **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.

V. You will not abandon me to the grave:

R. **Nor let your holy One see corruption.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

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.**




**When to dust my dust returneth,
grant a soul that to thee yearneth,
in thy paradise a place.**

Concluding Prayers at the Altar

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.


I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  and the life everlasting. Amen.

V. Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us:

R. **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

Let us pray. *The Officiant briefly pauses for a period of silent prayer.*

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 joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

Symbols of the Prophecies Fulfilled by Christ

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bird with fire – Psalm 2:7 – declared the beloved son – matt 3:17

spear/blood – Psalm 22:14 – pierced with spear – john 19:34

pierced hands/feet – Psalm 22:16 – pierced hands and feet – john 19:34

shepherd staff – Psalm 23:1 – the good shepherd – john 10:11

coffin – Psalm 40:2-5 – resurrection from death – john 20:20

crown – Psalm 89:27 – king of kings – Luke 1:32

flower – Psalm 89:35-37 – David's seed, kingdom endure forever – Luke
1:32,33

hexagon/triangle – Psalm 118:22,23 – the rejected stone is the
cornerstone – Matthew 21:42,43

branch – Isaiah 11:1 – called a Nazarene-the-branch, netzer – Matthew
2:23

infinity symbol – Isaiah 9:7 – to end to his government, throne, and
peace – Luke 1:32-33

bolt – Isaiah 42:7 – blind eyes opened – john 9:25-38

lamb – Isaiah 53:7 – sacrificial lamb – john 1:29

world – Isaiah 53:8 – died for the sins of the world – 1 john 2:2

cup of blood – Leviticus 17:11 – the blood of atonement – john 7:37

INRI – Psalm 22:8 – mocked, “king of the Jews” – Matthew 27:43

shoot from stump – Isaiah 11:1-2 – shoot from Jesse's stump – mark
12:35-37

whale – Jonah 2 – sign of Jonah – Matthew 12:39-41

alpha and omega – Psalm 90:2 – he is from everlasting – john 1:1



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