

# The Stations of the Cross



## ***The Gathering***

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

**Amen.**

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.' *Matthew 16.24,25*

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. *Ephesians 2.13,14*

## ***A Hymn may be sung***

*A Minister may introduce the service and then says:*

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

**AT EACH STATION:**

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

*A short Scripture reading.*

*Followed by a short meditation/prayer except Station XII where a period of silence is kept after the readings.*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,**

**have mercy upon us.**

## **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**I**

Jesus is condemned to death

**II**

Jesus receives his cross

**III**

Jesus falls for the first time

**IV**

Jesus meets his Mother

**V**

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross

**VI**

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

**VII**

Jesus falls a second time

**VIII**

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

**IX**

Jesus falls a third time

**X**

Jesus is stripped of his garments

**XI**

Jesus is nailed to the cross

**XII**

Jesus dies (*A period of Silence is kept after the readings*)

**XIII**

Jesus is taken down from the cross

**XIV**

Jesus is laid in the tomb

**After the final Station:-  
A Hymn may be sung**

*We pray for the coming of God's kingdom  
in the words our Saviour taught 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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

May God bless us,  
that in us may be found love and humility,  
obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace. **Amen.**