

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.**