13. Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

O Cross that liftest up my head,

I dare not ask to fly from Thee:

I lay in dust life's glory dead,

And from the ground there blossoms red

Life that shall endless be.

14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

*As we return to our pews in the Lady Chapel, we sing:*

In this bitter passion,

good Shepherd, think of me

with thy most sweet compassion,

unworthy though I be:

beneath thy cross abiding

for ever would I rest,

in thy dear love confiding,

and with thy presence blest.

CONCLUSION: [in the Lady Chapel]

Meditation and Prayer

Priest: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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# Stations of the Cross

Tonight’s ‘Stations of the Cross’ begins in the Lady Chapel.

**Introduction**

Priest: Let us pray:

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

Opening prayer

## Please move to the First Station as we sing:

Be still, my soul: the Lord is at your side;

bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;

leave to your God to order and provide;

in every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

1. Jesus is condemned to die

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

*As we walk to the next station, we sing:*

Thou art the Way: by thee alone

from sin and death we flee;

and they who would the Father seek

must seek him, Lord, by thee.

2. Jesus Carries his cross

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

When I survey the wondrous cross

on which the prince of glory died,

my richest gain I count but loss,

and pour contempt on all my pride.

3. Jesus falls the first time

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

Were the whole realm of nature mine,

that were a present far too small;

love so amazing, so divine,

demands my soul, my life, my all.

4. Jesus meets his mother

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

O love that wilt not let me go,

I rest my weary soul in Thee:

I give Thee back the life I owe,

That in Thine ocean depths its flow

May richer, fuller be.

5. Simon helps Jesus carry his Cross

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you,

pray that I may have the grace

to let you be my servant too.

6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

I will hold the Christ-light for you

in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

speak the peace you long to hear.

7. Jesus falls the second time

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

He came from his blest throne,

salvation to bestow;

but men made strange, and none

the longed-for Christ would know.

But O, my Friend indeed, my Friend indeed,

who at my need his life did spend!

8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow

till we’ve seen this journey through.

9. Jesus falls the third time

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

The groaning of creation,

wrung out by pain and care,

the anguish of a million hearts

that break in dumb despair;

O crucified Redeemer,

these are thy cries of pain;

O may they break our selfish hearts,

and love come in to reign.

10. Jesus is stripped

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

We hear the cry of anguish,

we see thy life outpoured,

where battlefield runs red with blood,

our brother’s blood, O Lord.

And in that bloodless battle,

the fight for daily bread,

where might is right and self is king,

we see thy thorn-crowned head.

11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

See from his head, his hands, his feet,

sorrow and love flow mingled down;

did e’er such love and sorrow meet,

or thorns compose so rich a crown!

12. Jesus dies on the Cross

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

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

Meditation and Prayer

O crucified Redeemer,

whose life blood we have spilt,

to thee we raise our guilty hands,

and humbly own our guilt.

Today we see thy Passion

spread open to our gaze;

the crowded street, the country lane,

its Calvary displays.