yet angel-hosts adore thee,

and tremble as they gaze.

14. Jesus is taken down from the Cross

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer

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.

15. Jesus is laid in the tomb

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

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

Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high,

angel-hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.

Lift ye then your voices; swell the mighty flood;

louder still and louder praise the precious blood.

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CONCLUSION: [in the Lady Chapel]

Priest: Through the cross you brought joy into the world

**All: We worship you Lord, we venerate your cross, we praise your resurrection.**

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**

*We remain kneeling for the final hymn*

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,

if thou wouldst my disciple be;

deny thyself, the world forsake,

and humbly follow after me.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,

all praise for evermore ascend:

O grant us in our home to see

the heavenly life that knows no end.

St Andrew, Orford with Longford

# Stations of the Cross

Priest: We meet in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Introduction and opening prayer

Let us walk with Christ the Way that leads to life.

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.

Thou art the Truth: thy word alone

true wisdom can impart;

though only canst inform the mind

and purify the heart.

1. Jesus is condemned to death

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer, ending:

Lord hear us

All: Lord graciously hear us

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

Teach me, my God and King,

In all things thee to see;

And what I do in anything

To do it as for thee.

2. Jesus takes up his cross

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

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 for the first time

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

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!

4. Jesus meets his mother

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer

She gave her body as God’s shrine,

her heart to piercing pain;

she knew the cost of love divine,

when Jesus Christ was slain.

5. Simon helps Jesus

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

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 meets Jesus

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer

I will hold the Christlight 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: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer

Glory be to Jesus,

who, in bitter pains,

poured for me the life-blood

from his sacred veins.

8. Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

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: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer

Ye hear how kindly he invites;

ye hear his words so blest:

‘All ye that labour come to me,

and I will give you rest.

10. Jesus is stripped

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer

I sometimes think about the cross,

and shut my eyes and try to see

the cruel nails and crown of thorns,

and Jesus crucified for me.

11. Jesus is nailed to the Cross

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

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 speaks to his Mother

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer

I cannot tell how he could love

a child so weak and full of sin;

his love must be most wonderful,

if he could die my love to win

13. Jesus dies on the Cross

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

**All: For by your cross, you have redeemed and saved us.**

Meditation and Prayer

O Sacred head, surrounded

by crown of piercing thorn!

O bleeding head, so wounded,

so shamed and put to scorn!

Death’s pallid hue comes o’er thee,

the glow of life decays;