

### The 13th Station - Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** The body of Jesus was taken down from the cross. His mother Mary held Him in her arms. Mary remembered holding Jesus when He was a baby. A big tear ran down her cheek. She was very sad.

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:**  
*Let me mingle tears with Thee,  
Mourning Him Who mourn'd for me,  
All the days that I may live.*

### The 14th Station - Jesus is Buried

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** Jesus' body was washed and wrapped in a clean sheet. Then He was buried. His tomb was in a little garden. A large stone blocked the entrance to the tomb. A soldier was told to stand guard.

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:**  
*By the cross with Thee to stay,  
There with Thee to weep and pray,  
Is all I ask of Thee to give.*

### Closing Prayer:

We praise You, God Our Father and we thank You for Your love. You so loved the world that You sent Your Son Jesus to be one of us. Because of His death and resurrection we are Yours and will be with You forever in Heaven. Help us to remember each day and to show our love for You by the way we live. **Amen**

## The Stations of the Cross



### Introduction

This is a story of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is the story of what Jesus did for us a long time ago. It is an important part of our Christian belief. Why should we want to remember His suffering, death and resurrection? We remember because Jesus showed His great love for us by what He did. We celebrate this story because by His love Jesus united us to Himself and will bring us to eternal life. To help us think about God's love for us we have The Stations of the Cross

### The 1<sup>st</sup> Station - Jesus Is Condemned To Death

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** Pontius Pilate told Jesus He was going to be crucified even Though He was innocent. Jesus did not say anything. Sometimes people accuse us of things we haven't done. How do you feel at such a time? How do you think Jesus felt? What was in His heart?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:** At the cross her station keeping,  
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus to the last

### The 2nd Station - Jesus Takes Up His Cross

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** Next, the soldiers gave Jesus a heavy wooden cross to carry through the streets. Sometimes when we have big problems or even little troubles, people say we have a cross to carry. Do you know anyone right now who is carrying a cross?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:** Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,  
All His bitter anguish bearing,  
Now at length the sword had pass'd.



### The 11<sup>th</sup> Station - Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** The soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross Jesus prayed to His Father in Heaven, Father forgive them. Is there someone you should forgive?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:** Holy Mother! pierce me through;  
In my heart each wound renew  
Of my Saviour crucified



### The 12th Station - Jesus Dies on the Cross

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** After three hours on the cross, Jesus died. This was very sad. When we recall this day every year we call it Good Friday.

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:** Let me share with Thee His pain,  
Who for all my sins was slain,  
Who for me in torments died.



### The 9th Station - Jesus Falls for the Third Time

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** By this time Jesus could hardly walk. He fell a third time. He probably felt He couldn't go on anymore. Have you ever felt this way? Do you ask God for help?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:** *O thou Mother! fount of love!  
Touch my spirit from above;  
Make my heart with thine accord.*

### The 10<sup>th</sup> Station - Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** Jesus, the soldiers and the people came to Calvary. The soldiers stripped off His outer robe. What do you think Jesus felt when He was treated in this way?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:** *Make me feel as Thou hast felt;  
Make my soul to glow and melt  
With the love of Christ our Lord*



### The 3rd Station - Jesus Falls For the First Time

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** As Jesus walked along the streets with his cross, many people gathered to look at Him. As you look at Jesus, what thought is in your mind?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:** *Oh, how sad and sore distress'd  
Was that Mother highly blest  
Of the sole-begotten One!*



### The 4th Station - Jesus Meets his Mother

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** Jesus' mother was there too. She came out of the crowd and went up to Him. How do you think Mary felt?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:** *Christ above in torment hangs;  
She beneath beholds the pangs  
Of her dying glorious Son.*



### The 5th Station - Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** The soldiers could see that Jesus was getting tired. They asked a man named Simon to help Jesus carry the Cross. If you had been there, maybe they would have asked you? What would you have done?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:**

*Is there one who would not weep,  
Whelm'd in miseries so deep  
Christ's dear Mother to behold?*

### The 6th Station - Veronica wipes the Face of Jesus

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** A good woman named Veronica came up to Jesus and wiped His face. Some people say that a picture of His face stayed on the cloth.

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:**

*Can the human heart refrain  
From partaking in her pain,  
In that Mother's pain untold?*



### The 7th Station - Jesus falls the Second Time

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** By now Jesus was very tired and He fell again. What do you think He might have wanted just then? A cold drink of water?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:**

*Bruis'd, derided, curs'd, defil'd,  
She beheld her tender Child  
All with bloody scourges rent.*



### The 8th Station - Jesus Meets Some Women

**Leader:** We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee.

**All:** Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

**Reading:** There were some women standing along the street. They were friends of Jesus. How do you think they felt when they saw Him suffering?

**All:** I love Thee Jesus my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always and then do with me what Thou wilt.

**All sing:**

*For the sins of His own nation,  
Saw Him hang in desolation,  
Till His spirit forth He sent.*

