

The Stations Of The Cross

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Text: Salve caput cruentatum; ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. by Henry Baker, 1821-1877 Tune: PASSION CHORALE, 7 6 7 6 D; Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

Call To Prayer

Station One

Pilate condemns Jesus to death

Presider: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you

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

Please Sit

Reader: Psalm 102:2-8,10

Hide not your face from me, in the day of my distress.

Incline your ear to me;

In the day when I call, answer me speedily.

For my days vanish like smoke, and my bones burn like fire.

Withered and dried up like grass is my heart, I forget to eat my bread.

Because of my insistent sighing, I am reduced to skin and bone.

I am like a desert owl:

I have become like an owl among the ruins.

I am sleepless and I moan;

I am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.

I eat ashes like bread and mingle my drink with tears.

Please Stand

Presider: He came into his own.

All: and his own received him not.

Presider: I shall not die, but live;

All: and declare the works of the Lord.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.



Station Two

Jesus carries the cross

Presider: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you

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

Please Sit

Reader: Hosea 14:6-8

I will be like the dew for Israel:

He shall blossom like the lily;

He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar, and put forth his shoots.

His splendor shall be like the olive tree and his fragrance like the Lebanon cedar.

Again they shall dwell in his shade and raise grain;

They shall blossom like the vine.

Please Stand

Presider: He humbled himself, becoming obedient unto death.

All: Even to death on a cross

Presider: And he bore the sins of many.

All: And prayed for transgressors.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Three

Jesus falls the first time

Presider: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you

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

Please Sit

Reader: Lamentations 1:12-14

Come, all you who pass by the way,

look and see whether there is any suffering like my suffering,

Which has been dealt me.

When the Lord afflicted me on the day of his blazing wrath.

From on high he sent fire down into my very frame;

He spread a net for my feet, and over threw me.

He left me desolate, in pain all the day.

He has kept watch over my sins;

By his hand they have been plaited:

They have settled about my neck, he had brought my strength to it's knees;

The Lord has delivered me into their grip,

I am unable to rise.

Please Stand

Presider: God forbid that I should glory

All: save in the cross of Jesus Christ.

Presider: We thought of him as a leper

All: as one afflicted and struck by God.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Four

Jesus meets his Mother

Presider: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you

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

Please Sit

Reader: Song of Songs 3:1-4

On my bed at night I sought him whom my heart loves.
I sought him but I did not find him.

I will rise then and go about the city; In the streets and crossings I will seek Him whom my heart loves. I sought him but I did not find him.

The watchmen came upon me as they made their rounds of the city: Have you seen him whom my heart loves?

I had hardly left them when I found him whom my heart loves. I took hold of him and would not let him go.

Please Stand

Presider: Your own soul a sword shall pierce,

All: that the thoughts of many may be revealed.

Presider: This child is destined for the fall and rise of many

All: and for a sign that shall be contradicted.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Five

Simon of Cyrene carries the cross for Jesus

Presider: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you

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

Please Sit

Reader: Jeremiah 14:8-9

O Hope of Israel, O Lord, our savior in time of need! Why should you be a stranger in this land, like a traveler who has stopped but for a night? Why are you like a man dumbfounded, a champion who cannot save? You are in our midst, O Lord, your name we bear; Do not forsake us!

Please Stand

Presider: Rescue me from my enemies.

All: For in you I hope.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Six

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Presider: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you

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

Please Sit

Reader: Judith 9:5,11-12

O God, my God, hear me.

Your strength is not in numbers nor does your power depend upon stalwart men;

But you are the God of the lowly,

the helper of the oppressed,

the supporter of the weak,

the protector of the forsaken.

the savior of those without hope.

Please, please, God of my ancestors, God of the heritage of Israel,

Lord of heaven and earth, Creator of the waters,

King of all you have created, hear my prayer!

Please Stand

Presider: Be you imitators of Christ and walk in love.

All: As Christ loved us and delivered himself up for us.

Presider: May God have pity on us and bless us.

All: May he let his face shine upon us.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Seven

Jesus falls the second time

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

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

Please Sit

Reader: Lamentations 3:16-24

He has broken my teeth with gravel, pressed my face in the dust; My soul is deprived of peace, I have forgotten what happiness is; I tell myself my future is lost, all that I hoped for from the Lord. The thought of my homeless poverty is wormwood and gall; Remembering it over and over, leaves my soul downcast within me. But I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; They are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

Please Stand

Presider: It was for our iniquities that he was wounded,

All: for our sins he was bruised.

Presider: Unless the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,

it remains alone.

All: But if it dies, it brings forth much fruit.
All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Eight

The women lament Jesus

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

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

Please Sit

Reader: Lamentations 3:43-51

You veiled yourself in the wrath and pursued us, you slew us and took no pity;

You wrapped yourself in a cloud which prayer could not pierce.

You have made us offscourings and refuse among the nations.

All our enemies have opened their mouths against us;

Terror and the pit have been our lot, desolation and destruction;

My eyes run with streams of water over the downfall of the daughter of my people.

My eyes flow without ceasing, there is no respite till the Lord from heaven looks down and sees.

My eyes torment my soul at the sight of all the daughters of the city.

Please Stand

Presider: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me,

All: but weep for yourselves and your children.

Presider: | will remember the tender mercies of the the Lord.

All: I will proclaim the praise of the Lord, for all he bestowed on us.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Nine

Jesus falls the third time

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

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

Please Sit

Reader: |saiah 51:17-23

Awake, awake!

Arise, O Jerusalem,

You who drank at the Lord's hand the cup of his wrath;

Who drained to the dregs the bowl of staggering!

But now, hear this, O afflicted one, drunk, but not with wine,

Thus says the Lord, your Master, your God, who defends his people.

See, I am taking from your hand the cup of staggering;

The bowl of my wrath you shall no longer drink.

I will put it into the hands of your tormentors, those who ordered you to bow down,

That they might walk over you,

While you offered your back like the ground like the street for them to walk on.

Please Stand

Presider: Surely he has borne our infirmities,

All: and carried our sorrows.

Presider: He gave himself for our sins,

All: that he might deliver us from the wickedness of the present

world.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Ten

Jesus is stripped of his clothing

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

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

Please Sit

Reader: Job 1:21; 6:11-13

Naked I came forth from my mother's womb, and naked shall I go back again.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

What strength have I that I should endure, and what is my limit that I should be patient?

Have I the strength of stones or is my flesh of bronze?

Have I no helper and has advice deserted me?

Please Stand

Presider: Upon him lay the chastisement that brought us peace.

All: By his bruises we are healed.

Presider: You know, you were redeemed.

All: With the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Eleven

Jesus is nailed to the cross

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

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

Please Sit

Reader: Psalm 143:1,3-6

O Lord, hear my prayer;

Hearken to my pleading in your faithfulness.

For the enemy pursues me;

He has crushed my life to the ground;

He has left me dwelling in the dark, like those long dead.

And my spirit is faint within me, my heart within me is appalled.

I remember the days of old;

I meditate on all your doings, the works of your hands I ponder.

I stretch out my hands to you;

My soul thirsts for you like parched land.

Please Stand

Presider: He was offered because it was his own will,

All: and he opened not his mouth.

Presider: The son of man must be lifted up,

All: that those who believe in him might not perish

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Twelve Jesus gives up his spirit

Priest: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you All: because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Please Kneel

Reader: Psalm 31:1-6

In thee, O Lord, do I seek refuge;

Let me never be put to shame, in thy righteousness deliver me!

Incline thy ear to me, rescue me speedily!

Be thou a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

Yea, thou art my rock and my fortress:

For thy name's sake lead me and guide me, for thou art my refuge.

Into thy hand I commit my spirit;

Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Please Stand

Presider: Christ died once for sins,

All: that he might bring us to God.

Presider: We have been sanctified,

All: through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ.

All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

Station Thirteen

Jesus is taken down from the cross

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

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

Please Sit

Reader: Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;

Reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up, O gates, your lintels;

Reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory?

The Lord of hosts; he is the king of glory.

Please Stand

Presider: Purge out the old leaven,

All: for Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed.

Presider: Because he laid down his life for sin, All: He shall see a long lived posterity.
All: Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy of

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Station Fourteen

Jesus is laid in the tomb

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

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

Please Sit

Reader: Ezekiel 37:1-2, 4-5, 7, 10-12

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he led me out in the spirit of the Lord and set me in the center of the plain, which was now filled with bones. He made me walk among them in every direction so that I saw how many they were on the surface of the plain. Then he said to me, Prophesy over these bones, and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life.

Even as I was prophesying I heard a noise; it was rattling as the bones came together, bone joining bone. The spirit came into them; they came alive and stood upright. Then he said to me: Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: 0 my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel.

Please Stand

Presider: You will arise and have mercy on Zion.

All: For it is a time to pity her.

Presider: If we have been united with him in the likeness of his death,

All: so shall we be in the likeness of his Resurrection.

Lord Jesus crucified, have mercy on us.

The Lord's Prayer Prayer over the People