

## **An Order for the Stations of the Cross For St. Matthew's Church**

### **A Note on this Service**

The Stations of the Cross in the church surround us as we worship to remind us that everything we are and do is made possible by the great love of God the Father, made manifest in the Passion of His Son, Jesus Christ. Our Lord walks the way of sorrow and pain, not as some accident or tragedy of history, but because of His profound love for the world and humanity. This service of Stations of the Cross is a liturgy through which we come to be present again with the moments represented for us in the icons. As we behold them, we should let ourselves be drawn into them as they invite us into a world that is bigger than the one we leave behind. The prayers at each station form a refrain that draws again and again our fleeting attention, calling us back to the mighty deeds of Jesus to offer praise and thanksgiving to the Father through Christ in the Spirit. This ideal posture of this worship is that of Blessed Mary, His Mother, who above all others “treasures these things in her heart” (Lk. 2.19). We continually ask for her help to do the same, and allow her experience of the Passion to guide us into deeper devotion.

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*As the Ministers Enter, the Congregation Stands.*

*Minister.* + In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost

*All.* Amen.

*Minister.* God spared not His own Son: but delivered Him up for us all.

*All remain standing*

### **Psalm 51**

*Minister.* Have mercy on me, O God, in your enduring goodness : according to the fullness of your compassion blot out my offences.

*All.* Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

*Minister.* For I acknowledge my rebellion : and my sin is ever before me.

*All.* Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your eyes : so you will be just in your sentence and blameless in your judging.

*Minister.* Surely in wickedness I was brought to birth : and in sin my mother conceived me.

*All.* You that desire truth in the inward parts : O teach me wisdom in the secret places of the heart.

*Minister.* Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

*All.* Make me hear of joy and gladness : let the bones which you have broken rejoice.

*Minister.* Hide your face from my sins : and blot out all my iniquities.

*All.* Create in me a clean heart, O God : and renew a right spirit within me.

*Minister.* Do not cast me out from your presence : do not take your holy spirit from me.

*All.* O give me the gladness of your help again : and support me with a willing spirit.

*Minister.* Then will I teach transgressors your ways : and sinners shall turn to you again.

*All.* O Lord God of my salvation, deliver me from bloodshed : and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

*Minister.* O Lord, open my lips : and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All.* You take no pleasure in sacrifice, or I would give it : burnt-offerings you do not want.

*Minister.* The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit : a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

*All.* In your graciousness do good to Zion : rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

*Minister.* Then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt-offerings and oblations : then will they offer young bulls upon your altar. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*Minister.* God spared not His own Son: but delivered Him up for all.

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went up not to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace: through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*All proceed to the first station.*

### **The First Station: Jesus is condemned to death**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. Mark 15:1-15*

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." And the chief priests accused him of many things. And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the

insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" And they cried out again, "Crucify him." And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

At the cross her station keeping,  
Stood the mournful mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus at the last.

*All proceed to the second station.*

### **The Second Station: Jesus receives the cross**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. John 19:13-17*

So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

Through her soul, of joy bereavéd,  
Bowed with anguish deeply grievéd,  
Now at length the sword has passed.

*All proceed to the third station.*

### **The Third Station: Jesus falls for the first time**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*Isaiah 53:4-7*

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid

on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

O, that blessed one, grief-laden,  
Blessed Mother, blessed Maiden,  
Mother of the All-Holy One.

*All proceed to the fourth station.*

### **The Fourth Station: Jesus meets His Mother**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. Luke 2:34-35*

And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

O that silent, ceaseless mourning,  
O those dim eyes, never turning  
From the wondrous, suffering Son.

*All proceed to the fifth station.*

### **The Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene carries the cross**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. Mark 8:34-38*

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

Who, on Christ's dear mother gazing,  
In her trouble so amazing,  
Born of woman, would not weep?

*All proceed to the sixth station.*

### **The Sixth Station: St. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. Matthew 25:34-40*

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

Who, on Christ's dear Mother thinking,  
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,  
Would not share her sorrows deep?

*All proceed to the seventh station.*

### **The Seventh Station: Jesus falls for the second time**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*Psalm 38:6-22*

I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning. For my sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart. O Lord, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me. My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off. Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long. But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear; like a mute man who does not open his mouth. I have become like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes. But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. For I said, “Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!” For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully. Those who render me evil for good accuse me because I follow after good. Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

For His people's sins in anguish  
There she saw the victim languish  
Bleed in torments, bleed and die.

*All proceed to the eighth station.*

### **The Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. Luke 23:27-31*

And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

Saw the Lord's anointed taken,  
Saw her Child in death forsaken,  
Heard his last expiring cry.

*All proceed to the ninth station.*

### **The Ninth Station: Jesus falls for the third time**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*Hebrews 4:15-16*

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

In the Passion of my Maker  
Be my sinful soul partaker  
May I bear with her my part.

*All proceed to the tenth station.*

**The Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of His garments**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*Psalm 22:16-18*

For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

Of His Passion bear the token,  
In a spirit bowed and broken  
Bear his death within my heart.

*All proceed to the eleventh station.*

**The Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. Luke 23:33-37*

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

May His wounds both wound and heal me,  
He enkindle, cleanse, and heal me,  
Be His cross my hope and stay.

*All proceed to the twelfth station.*

### **The Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. John 19:28-37*

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he

bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

May He, when the mountains quiver,  
From that flame which burns forever  
Shield me on the judgment day

*All proceed to the thirteenth station.*

### **The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*Psalm 22:14-15*

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

Jesus, may Thy cross defend me,  
And Thy saving death befriend me,  
Cherished by Thy deathless grace.

*All proceed to the fourteenth station.*

### **The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb**

*Minister.* We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

*All.* Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the World.

*St. Matthew 27:57-61*

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

*Minister.* Our Father...

*All.* ...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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*All.* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*All Sing:*

When to dust my dust returneth  
Grant a soul that to Thee yearneth  
In Thy paradise a place.

*All gather and genuflect before the Crucifix, then remain standing.*

*Minister.* Christ became obedient unto death for us, even the death of the Cross.

### **Psalm 130**

*Minister.* Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice;

*All.* O let your ears consider well : the voice of my supplication.

*Minister.* If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong : who then, O Lord, could stand?

*All.* But there is forgiveness with you : so that you shall be feared.

*Minister:* I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him : and in his word is my hope.

*All.* My soul looks for the Lord : more than watchmen for the morning, more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.

*Minister.* O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy :and with him is ample redemption.

*All.* He will redeem Israel : from the multitude of his sins.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

*All.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end: Amen.

*Minister.* Christ became obedient unto death for us, even the death of the Cross. Let us pray. Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

*Minister:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore.

*All.* Amen.

*The service concludes as the Ministers retire to the sacristy.*