



Opening Prayer

Stand

Lector Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." (Mt 26: 36-39)

Kneel

All Almighty and eternal Father, accept our prayer of thanksgiving for your Beloved Son, our Savior and Lord. As we recall his Sacred Passion, send the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, we beg You, so that whether we pray or work we might do all in union with Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Stand

First Station

Jesus is condemned to death

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector Again the high priest asked him and said to him, "Are you the Messiah, the son of the Blessed One?" Then Jesus answered, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven.'" At that the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further need have we of witnesses? You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as deserving to die. (Mk 14:61-64)

Kneel

All The kings of the earth rise up and the princes conspire together against the Lord and against his Anointed. I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; the Lord said to me: "You are my Son; this day I have begotten you. Ask of me and I will give you the nations for an inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession." (Ps 2:2, 7-8)

Lector Let us pray, All-powerful and eternal God, for proclaiming the truth your Son, Jesus Christ, is condemned to death by crucifixion. Stir up your love in our hearts so that we might be ever faithful to all that you have told us and fear nothing more than the loss of your friendship through sin.

All Amen.

Stand

Second Station

Jesus carries his cross

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector And Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold, your king!" They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. The Crucifixion of Jesus. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. (Jn 19:14-17)

Kneel

All Who would believe what we have heard? To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up like a sapling before him, like a shoot from the parched earth; He had no majestic bearing to catch our eye, no beauty to draw us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering, knowing pain, Like one from whom you turn your face, spurned, and we held him in no esteem. (Is 53:1-3)

Lector Let us pray, Father in heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ, still carries his cross in his persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the world. Make us feel the needs of all persons so that we might as readily help them as we would help Jesus himself.

All Amen.

Stand

Third Station

Jesus falls the first time

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. (Jn 15:18-20)

Kneel

All Why is your apparel red, and your garments like one who treads the wine press? "The wine press I have trodden alone, and from the peoples no one was with me. I trod them in my anger, and trampled them down in my wrath; Their blood spurted on my garments, all my apparel I stained. For a day of vindication was in my heart, my year for redeeming had come. I looked about, but there was no one to help, I was appalled that there was no one to lend support; So my own arm brought me victory and my own wrath lent me support. (Is 63:2-5)

Lector Let us pray, O God, to free us from sin and weakness, your Son, Jesus Christ, embraced his fearful passion and crucifixion. Strengthen us in our baptismal resolutions by which we renounced sin and Satan, so that through the passion of this life's sufferings we might rise to a new life of joyful service free of all selfishness.

All Amen.

Stand

Fourth Station

Jesus meets his afflicted mother

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (Jn 19:25-27)

Kneel

All To what can I compare you—to what can I liken you—O daughter Jerusalem? What example can I give in order to comfort you, virgin daughter Zion? For your breach is vast as the sea; who could heal you? (Lam 2:13)

Lector Let us pray, O blessed Lord, at your passion a sword of sorrow pierced the loving heart of your mother as Simeon had foretold. Grant that we who look back on her sorrows with compassion might receive the healing fruits of your sufferings.

All Amen.

Stand

Fifth Station

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him out to crucify him. They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. They brought him to the place of Golgotha (which is translated Place of the Skull). (Mk 15: 20-22)

Kneel

All With my own voice I cry to the LORD; with my own voice I beseech the LORD. Before him I pour out my complaint, tell of my distress in front of him. When my spirit is faint within me, you know my path. As I go along this path, they have hidden a trap for me. I look to my right hand to see that there is no one willing to acknowledge me. My escape has perished; no one cares for me. (Ps 142:2-5)

Lector Let us pray, Lord Jesus Christ, help us to see in the sufferings and shortcomings of our lives a share in your cross; strengthen and console us in the belief that we bear all things in union with you, who have taken upon yourself even our guilt.

All Amen.

Stand

Sixth Station

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Mt 25:37-40)

Kneel

All Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one finds a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price, no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; those who fear God will find them. Those who fear the Lord enjoy stable friendship, for as they are, so will their neighbors be. (Sir 6:14-17)

Lector Let us pray, Almighty and ever-loving God, we feel your love and understanding in the consolation and support we receive from one another. Give us, we beg you, the courage and dedication to sacrifice and suffer with those who are in need, the least of your people.

All Amen.

Stand

Seventh Station

Jesus falls the second time

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector Yet it was our pain that he bore, our sufferings he endured. We thought of him as stricken, struck down by God and afflicted, But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, all following our own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all. (Is 53:4-6)

Kneel

All Though harshly treated, he submitted and did not open his mouth; Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth. Seized and condemned, he was taken away. Who would have thought any more of his destiny? For he was cut off from the land of the living, struck for the sins of his people. He was given a grave among the wicked, a burial place with evildoers, Though he had done no wrong, nor was deceit found in his mouth. (Is 53:7-9)

Lector Let us pray, Lord Jesus Christ, You shared in our weaknesses and accepted our guilt. Grant us the favor of rejoicing over our human weaknesses, so that in all we do, your strength, dwelling in us, may be shown to all others.

All Amen.

Stand

Eighth Station

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. ***Genuflect***

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

Stand

Lector A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children. (Lk 23:27-28)

Kneel

All Come, all who pass by the way, pay attention and see: Is there any pain like my pain, which has been ruthlessly inflicted upon me, with which the LORD has tormented me on the day of his blazing wrath? For these things I weep—My eyes! My eyes! They stream with tears! How far from me is anyone to comfort, anyone to restore my life. My children are desolate; the enemy has prevailed.” (Lam 1:12 and 16)

Lector Let us pray, Beloved Jesus, with tears of pity these women of Jerusalem responded to you, broken, bruised, and beaten, on the road to Calvary. Deepen our faith, we beg you, so that we may see you in our brothers and sisters, bruised by our envy, beaten down by injustice, and broken by our greed and our indifference.

All Amen.

Stand

Ninth Station

Jesus falls a third time

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. ***Genuflect***

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

Stand

Lector My soul clings to the dust; give me life in accord with your word. I disclosed my ways and you answered me; teach me your statutes. Make me understand the way of your precepts; I will ponder your wondrous deeds. My soul is depressed; lift me up according to your word. (Ps 119:25-28)

Kneel

All The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life’s refuge; of whom should I be afraid? When evildoers come at me to devour my flesh, these my enemies and foes themselves stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart does not fear; Though war be waged against me, even then do I trust. (Ps 27:1-3)

Lector Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, you permitted your son to be weakened, crushed, and profaned so that he might rise from the dead freed from the ravages of sin. Help us to accept our weaknesses and failing as forerunners of our glorious resurrection in union with your son.

All Amen.

Stand

Tenth Station

Jesus is stripped of his clothes

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector Therefore, behold, I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that there may come upon you all the righteous blood shed upon earth, from the righteous blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. (Mt 23:34-35)

Kneel

All Happy the one whom God reproves! The Almighty's discipline do not reject. For he wounds, but he binds up; he strikes, but his hands give healing. Insult has broken my heart, and I despair; I looked for compassion, but there was none, for comforters, but found none. Instead they gave me poison for my food; and for my thirst they gave me vinegar. (Job 5:17-18 and Ps 69:21-22)

Lector Let us pray, Lord Jesus Christ, stripped of everything, you stood exposed to the jeers and contempt of the people whom you loved. Clothe us with genuine love of others so that nothing we suffer may ever fill our hearts with hatred or bitterness.

All Amen.

Stand

Eleventh Station

Jesus is nailed to the cross

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Lk 23:33-34)

Kneel

All My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why so far from my call for help, from my cries of anguish? My God, I call by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I have no relief. Like water my life drains away; all my bones are disjointed. My heart has become like wax, it melts away within me. As dry as a potsherd is my throat; my tongue cleaves to my palate; you lay me in the dust of death. They have pierced my hands and my feet I can count all my bones. (Ps 23:2-3,15-16,17b)

Lector Let us pray, Lord and Savior, you have told us that we too must accept crucifixion if we are to accept resurrection with you. Help us to rejoice in the sufferings that come with the fulfillment of our daily duties, seeing in them the royal road of the cross to the resurrection.

All Amen.

Stand

Twelfth Station

Jesus dies on the cross

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Lk 23:44-46)

Kneel

All My people, what I done to you? Or in what have I offended you? Answer me. What more should I have done, and did not do? I led you out of the land of Egypt, and you prepared a cross for me. I opened the Red Sea before you, and you opened my side with a lance. I gave you a royal sceptre, and you have given me a crown of thorns. With great power I lifted you up, and you have hung me upon a cross. My people, what I done to you or in what have I offended you? Answer me. (Reproaches of Good Friday)

All Our Father, who art in heaven....

All Amen.

Stand

Thirteenth Station

The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out. After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. (Jn 19:33-34, 38a)

Kneel

All Thus says the Lord GOD: Look! I am going to open your graves; I will make you come up out of your graves, my people, and bring you back to the land of Israel. You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD. I have spoken; I will do it. (Ez 37:12-14)

Lector Let us pray, Beloved Savior. You returned to the father all that he had given you, so that he might restore all to you a hundred-fold in the glorious resurrection. Help us, we beg you, to give generously of ourselves in all that we do for you, so that like you we might be made perfect in a new resurrection.

All Amen.

Stand

Fourteenth Station

Jesus is laid in the tomb

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it [in] clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. (Mt 27:59-60)

Kneel

All I praise you, LORD, for you raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. LORD, my God, I cried out to you for help and you healed me. LORD, you brought my soul up from Sheol; you let me live, from going down to the pit. Sing praise to the LORD, you faithful; give thanks to his holy memory. For his anger lasts but a moment; his favor a lifetime. At dusk weeping comes for the night; but at dawn there is rejoicing. (Ps 29:2-6)

Lector Let us pray, Almighty and eternal God, on the edge of sadness when all seemed lost, you restored to us the Savior we thought defeated and conquered. Help us, we beg you, so to empty ourselves of self concern that we might see your hand in every failure and your victory in every defeat. These things we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Stand

Closing

The Resurrection of Jesus

Lector We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. *Genuflect*

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

Stand

Lector The Pharisees and Sadducees came and, to test him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven. He said to them in reply, "In the evening you say, 'Tomorrow will be fair, for the sky is red'; and, in the morning, 'Today will be stormy, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to judge the appearance of the sky, but you cannot judge the signs of the times. An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Then he left them and went away. In coming to the other side of the sea, the disciples had forgotten to bring bread. Jesus said to them, "Look out, and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." (Mk 16:1-6)

Remain Standing

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.