

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Archdiocese of Kingston - Lent 2021

For Communal Celebration

OPENING HYMN -The Pilgrim Church of God

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Tune: FRANCONIA, SM.

Cantor: The pilgrim Church of God
Must walk the narrow way:
The footsteps of the Christ to tread
Unto the Cross each day.

With faith we celebrate
The passion of the Lord;
We take our Cross and follow him,
Who is our soul's reward.

INTRODUCTION

Pr: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pr: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 26: 36-39

Cantor: And so we journey on
Despite the power of hell;
In faith we know Christ's promised dawn—
Always with us to dwell.

FIRST STATION - Jesus is condemned to death.

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14: 61-64

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, I see you
condemned as a common criminal. Often I
have condemned you, when I have gossiped
about others. Give me strength never to act
unjustly or condemn others out of jealousy or
cowardice or for my own gain. Grant that I
may never neglect to defend the needs of others
by my inaction. Kindle in my heart a more
fervent love.

Cantor: Condemned to bring us peace,
The Christ obeys God's will
And bows before the power of death—
The prophets to fulfill.

SECOND STATION - Jesus carries his Cross

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: John 19: 14-17

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, although I see
you rejected by the crowd, still you accept to
bear the humiliation, pain and tribulations of
those who suffer so much in this world. Give
me the courage and determination to help
others in carrying your Cross with patience
and resignation. Grant that daily I may
embrace the crosses you have destined for me.

Cantor: The Cross we too must bear
And follow Jesus' way,
For He was burdened with our sins,
That mar God's love each day.

THIRD STATION - Jesus falls the first time

Pr: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: John 15: 18-21

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, as a servant and
slave you take the sins of the world upon your
shoulders. Give me the grace to act more like a
servant than a master, willing to serve those
suffering from hunger, loneliness, illness or
rejection. Grant that I may have the humility
to accept my own weaknesses and the things
that are beyond my control.

Cantor: O praise the Son of God,
Th' Incarnate Word for all;
In human flesh he bears with us,
Our weakness in his fall.

FOURTH STATION - Jesus meets his mother

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

**All: Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: John 19: 25b-27

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, I see the depth of
love exchanged between you and your Mother.
Pour into my heart a love like your Mother's
for all my brothers and sisters. May I imitate
her compassion, humility and wisdom and give
myself completely in service of the Gospel.
During times of isolation may I grow in love
for and appreciation of my family members
and reach out to those far away or who have
no one.

Cantor: In union with her Son,
The Mother knows his pain;
The sword that pierced the side of Christ,
She feels once again.

FIFTH STATION - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
All: **Because by your holy Cross**
you have redeemed the world.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 15: 20-22

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, you invite me to take up your Cross and so lose my life in order to save it. So often I do not wish to place my life on the line, sacrifice for others or become involved in their problems. May I see you in the dejected and those who are isolated, no matter what difficulty it may cause for me. Grant that I may joyfully endure the inconveniences this pandemic imposes on me for my health and safety of others.

Cantor: Let us take up the Cross
Of those in any need,
For when we show another care,
The Lord repays our deed.

SIXTH STATION - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
All: **Because by your holy Cross**
you have redeemed the world.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25: 37b-40

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, I see the effect that one small act of kindness can have on another person. May I, like Veronica, also perform small kindnesses throughout the day. Move me to assist those whom the world thinks insignificant for they too share your Passion. Grant that I may see your face in all the people I encounter, especially those who put their life on the line in health care, retail and food services and delivery of goods. Through the difficulties of life may your image and likeness be imprinted in my life.

Cantor: Look not upon that Face,
Nor wipe the blood and tears,
In case you see the face of Christ
In neighbours and in peers.

SEVENTH STATION - Jesus falls the second time

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
All: **Because by your holy Cross**
you have redeemed the world.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 53: 4-6

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, once again I see you fall under the burden and guilt of others that you carry. As I know that I will fall over and over again, grant that I may accept the repeated faults and weaknesses of others. As you have forgiven me, so may I forgive and love. Make me tolerant when others grow tired, weary or impatient in serving me, that your loving kindness in me may be a sign of hope and life for all people.

Cantor: Our sins Christ humbly bore
To bring us freedom's way;
He fell again that we accept
The falls that mark our day.

With Christ we journey on
Despite the power of hell;
In faith we know His promised dawn
Will be with us to dwell.

His Cross restores our faith,
And gives the blind new sight,
The pardon of the thief gives hope
To all who feared sin's might.

EIGHTH STATION - Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
All: **Because by your holy Cross**
you have redeemed the world.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23: 27-29

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, I see you console others in this moment of extreme pain and humbly accept their assistance and compassion. I pray for all those who have died without their families. Grant that I may extend comfort to the sorrowful and mourn with those who suffer the death of a loved one, but also accept the kindness of others. Thus may I allow others to be instruments of your mercy as well.

Cantor: O mystery profound!
That Christ should comfort us:
The one in pain would heal our wounds—
A meeting glorious.

NINTH STATION - Jesus falls the third time

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

All: **Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119: 25-28

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, in utter exhaustion I see you fall again as you fulfill your mission in obedience to your Father's will. Give me the patience to bear all wrongs, never to hold a grudge and always to forgive those who have injured me. Grant that I may work with others to build up your Church, subjecting myself to your divine will and learning how to put aside my own aspirations for the spiritual welfare of my brothers and sisters.

Cantor: The angels stand in awe,
To see Christ's painful fall,
Yet Christ forgives our many sins
With love that conquers all.

TENTH STATION - Jesus is stripped of his clothing

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

All: **Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27: 33-36

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, although you are the Son of God, you did not cling to your equality to God but emptied yourself and accepted our human condition. Now I see you stripped of all dignity like so many people today who are deprived of human rights. Grant that I may never strip the dignity of others as children of our Father. Rather strip from me the sin of pride when I think I am better than others. Then may I be clothed with the riches of your kingdom.

Cantor: Blessed are the poor and meek;
Though stripped of dignity,
They share the riches of the Cross,
A love that sets them free.

ELEVENTH STATION - Jesus is nailed to the Cross

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

All: **Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23. 32-34

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, lifted high on the Cross, I see that you are mercy crucified, bringing salvation to all people. May your pierced hands embrace all those who are ill, distressed or imprisoned. Give me eyes to see the needs of others and words to affirm, appreciate and encourage those around me. Release me from the fears that bind me to inaction, so that the fruits of your death may be shared with all humanity through what I say and do.

Cantor: The myst'ry of the Cross
Explodes before our eyes;
The Lord of all is nailed fast,
Confounding all the wise.

TWELFTH STATION - Jesus dies on the Cross

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

All: **Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: Luke 23: 44-48

Reader: My Lord Jesus Christ, in your death I see you surrender completely to the Father's will and entrust your spirit into his hands. As with your last breath you breathed out the Spirit on all humanity, so pour out the Spirit of your love into my heart, that I may never be indifferent to the plight of others or shrink from suffering but rather rejoice, that I have been counted worthy to suffer for your name's sake.

Cantor: O praise the deed sublime!
That death should bring us life;
My God, my God, forsake us not
When in the midst of strife.

THIRTEENTH STATION - The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
All: **Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: John 19: 31-33, 37

Reader: **My Lord Jesus Christ, I see the blood and water flowing from your pierced side, that cleanses the human race of its sins. Remove the violence, hatred and illness that shrouds the earth, touches the lives of so many people and brings death and destruction. Grant that all who have shared your death may rise with you to the glory of your Kingdom. May I remember them in love and prayer, for we are one in the Communion of Saints.**

Cantor: When faith and hope seems lost,
And love is worn and cold,
The sacrifice once freely made
Descends a hundred fold.

FOURTEENTH STATION - Jesus is laid in the tomb

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
All: **Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: John 19: 38-42

Reader: **My Lord Jesus Christ, descending to the depths of death, you liberate the souls of the just who awaited salvation. Raise up the spirits of those today who are depressed, ill, imprisoned or despised. Grant that all may experience the new light which your resurrection brings so that they may enjoy the victory you won over sin and death. And when it seems that our efforts bear no fruit, may we know that you are still at work in the world and that our labours and sacrifices in your name are never in vain, for you are with your people.**

Cantor: Cold is the lifeless tomb,
Yet great the Spirit's flame,
That burns within the soul of Christ
To glorify God's name.

CONCLUSION

THE RESURRECTION (Optional)

Pr: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.
All: **Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.**

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16. 1-6

Cantor: O praise the Day of God
When Christ arose in light;
His death and rising cleansed our stains
And robed his Church in white.

All: **Our Father, / 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.**

Pr: Deliver us, Lord from every evil,
and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin
and protect us in time of trial,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power and glory
are yours now and for ever.**

Cantor: O praise the Cross of life:
That guilt seeks mercy's way,
And fear surrenders to love's might,
And death restores new day.

For Christ renews our joy
By this great paschal grace:
His triumph makes us one with him,
To see the Father's face.

All glory to the Christ,
Whose death the victory won,
And praise the Father evermore,
With God the Spirit, one.