

The Way of the Cross

The Folly of God

Opening Prayer

Hymn

12th Station: *Jesus dies on the cross*

holocaust



We adore you O Christ...

Matthew 27. 46. Reflection. Silence

Lord, dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Fill our hearts with your courage so that we no longer remain bystanders but can be counted among those who work for justice and peace. Amen.



13th Station: *Jesus is taken down From the cross*

maternal womb

We adore you O Christ...

John 14. 27. Reflection. Silence

Lord of life, we pray with Mary, give us faith to love when our hearts feel cold. Give us hope when all seems lost, and trust when we feel bereft. In Jesus, may we find the source of our new life and our peace. Amen.

14th Station: *Jesus is laid on the tomb*

chrysalis



We adore you O Christ...

John 12. 24. Reflection. Silence

Help us to believe, Lord, that ends are but beginnings and that graves are but the doorway to a new life. For you are the Lord of the living and the dead. Amen.

Hymn

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1st Station: *Jesus is condemned to death*

surrender



We adore you O Christ and we bless you

**Because by your holy cross
You have redeemed the world.**

Mt. 26. 57, 27. 24. Reflection. Silence.

Jesus, you didn't hesitate to pay the price of our wrongdoing. Give us the courage to face the truth when we fail. Give us strength to be true to your gospel and to be true to our brothers and sisters. Amen

2nd Station:

Jesus takes up his cross

embrace



We adore you O Christ...

John 19. 17. Reflection. Silence.

Lord Jesus, the mystery of your cross is at the heart of our lives. Help us embrace the world as you did. Give us the perseverance we need to make our world a better place. Your kingdom come, your will be done. Amen

3rd Station: *Jesus falls for the first time*

cornerstone



We adore you O Christ...

Isaiah 53.5-7. Reflection. Silence

Jesus, you bore our sin so that we might live. You are the rock of our strength. Do not allow us to neglect those who are crushed by their own mistakes, those who feel rejected, the sinful. Amen



**4th Station:
Jesus meets his mother**

no words

We adore you O Christ...

Luke 2.51. Reflection. Silence

Lord Jesus, your mother shared your pain, your destiny. As so often we hurt those we love, and fail those we hold dear, help us to share in the healing power of your love. Amen.

**5th Station:
Simon of Cyrene helps to carry the cross**

unison



We adore you O Christ...

Mark 15.21. Reflection. Silence

Lord, as we journey help us to see those who stagger along the path of the cross: the refugees, the homeless, the lonely. We ask for strong shoulders on which to ease the load of others and a heart filled with love for all. Amen.



**6th Station:
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**

true icon

We adore you O Christ...

JMatthew 25. 40. Reflection. Silence

Lord, help us to recognise you in the hidden corners of our world. In the forgotten ones, those who mean so little to the world, whose presence is never greeted with a smile. We ask that we might reflect your love for all people in everything that we do. Amen.

**7th Station:
Jesus falls for the second time**

with us



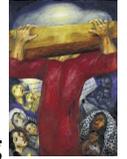
We adore you O Christ...

Luke 14. 27. Reflection. Silence

Lord, to pick up our cross and follow you is a difficult request. It may be that in today's world our responsibilities are our crosses. Whatever the cross may we understand that only with you the burden is light. Amen.

**8th Station:
Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem**

nurturing



We adore you O Christ...

Luke 27. 28. Reflection. Silence

Jesus, you are the beginning and the end, the one who leads us out of death into life. Help us be people who nurture, giving life to those who feel abandoned or let down in any way. Amen.



amen

We adore you O Christ...

Lamentations 1.14. Reflection. Silence

Lord Jesus, when all looks to be too much, when we feel overburdened by life, when nothing makes sense any longer, allow the warmth of your love to touch us. Give us the strength to say our AMEN to God and to trust in the Father's care. Amen.

**10th Station:
Jesus is stripped of his clothes**

whose?



We adore you O Christ...

John 19. 23. Reflection. Silence

Lord, our ways are not peaceful ways. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may truly become your people, the one body of Christ. Heal our divisions and give us courage to work for unity and peace. Amen.



face to face

We adore you O Christ...

From Psalm 22. Reflection. Silence

Lord of love and compassion, help us to be true to ourselves and to others. Give us a sensitive heart to ease the burden of those who can't help themselves. Amen.

**11th Station:
Jesus is nailed to the cross**