

# Stations of the Cross

After each Station is announced, we use the following response:

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

**R. because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

*After the Introduction*

And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's Tree,  
and having with us him that pleads above,  
we here present, we spread forth to thee  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one, true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

*After the First Station*

Look, Father, look on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
for lo, between our sins and their reward  
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.

*After the Second Station*

And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
by this prevailing Presence we appeal:  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,  
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;  
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

*After the Third Station*

And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;  
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us never more to part with thee.

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*After the Fourth Station*

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

*After the Fifth Station*

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.

*After the Sixth Station*

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive, and should prevail;

*After the Seventh Station*

and that the highest gift of grace  
should flesh and blood refine:  
God's presence and his very self,  
and essence all-divine.

*After the Eighth Station*

O generous love! that he who smote  
in man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo.

*After the Ninth Station*

And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.

*After the Tenth Station*

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

*After the Eleventh Station*

There is a green hill far away,  
Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.

*After the Thirteenth Station*

He died that we might be forgiv'n,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heav'n,  
Saved by his precious blood.

*After the Twelfth Station*

We may not know, we cannot tell,  
What pains he had to bear;  
But we believe it was for us  
He hung and suffered there.

*After the Fourteenth Station*

There was no other good enough  
To pay the price of sin;  
He only could unlock the gate  
Of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,  
And we must love him, too,  
And trust in his redeeming blood,  
And try his works to do.

*At the conclusion of the service*

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How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son  
To make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
The Father turns his face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many souls together

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon his shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there,  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life—  
I know that 'it is finished'.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
But when I see his glorious face  
then shall I know with all my heart,  
My life was saved through God's grace.