

## Stations of the Cross - "Put on the Mind of Christ"

### ***BE STILL MY HEART***

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

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Since we left the Garden last night, I've been accused by the scribes and elders. I've been brought before the High Priest in an illegal trial. I've been dragged to Herod's palace. I've been mocked and spat on by the soldiers. They want me to die. Pilate had asked what to do with me, their king, and the crowd answered 'Crucify Him!' What have I done? Why have they turned their backs on me? Father, give me strength... please be with Me...

MUSIC/ Heart beats

#### **The Second Station – Jesus carries his the Cross**

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

When Pilate brought me in front of the crowd, he said: 'Look what you have done to this Man!' But there seems to be another voice speaking within him. It seems he wants to say: 'Look what you have done to this man, to *your* King.' I know I can not change their minds... This cross... it is too heavy... it sits on the wounds where they whipped me...it presses against the thorns around my head... Father, this is your will... please be with me

MUSIC/ Heart beats

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

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

My body hurts so much. The cross beam is heavy and painful. Am I so weak from the beatings I received, or is the burden too heavy for me to bear? I can't help but stumble beneath its weight. I want to call for help... will the guards let me? Will anyone help me? I do not want to burden others... I will I obey my Father... I will do this because He says so... and because I love you so much

MUSIC/ Heart beats

### **The Fourth Station – Jesus meets his Blessed Mother**

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Mother. Oh my sweet Mother... I can tell from the look in your eyes that my cross has become your cross. My humiliation has become your humiliation too. I can see in your eyes you have much to say... But we know I have to do this... for you and for many. Be strong mother... I am so sorry you have to endure this with Me... I can not imagine this is easy for you to see this. I am sorry... I must go

MUSIC/ Heart beats

### **The Fifth Station – Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the cross**

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

I can't make it. I'm too weak... my body is sore and aching, broken from the beating... from the heat... from walking with this heavy wooden beam. I can't make it. Who is this stranger pulled to help me? Simon. Simon of Cyrene... I see the fear in your eyes... I am thankful for your help. The guards are afraid I will not make it up the hill... Thank you Simon... thank you for helping me and being with me even in your doubts and fears...

MUSIC/ Heart beats

### **The Sixth Station – Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

The steep, narrow streets are dusty. The dust kicked up from the street gets into my eyes and nose. I can taste the dirt. I can taste my blood from the wounds on my head. My eyes are swollen, almost shut... I have to keep going. Woman, who are you? How did you manage to push through the guards? Veronica. Veronica... the cold towel is a welcomed feeling. Oh please don't weep... Thank you Veronica for your courage... I am weak but I must keep going... I must continue... it is for you...

MUSIC/ Heart beats

### **The Seventh Station – Jesus falls beneath His cross, the second time**

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

When I fall, why do they laugh? I am weak but they force me to keep walking. Even with Simon's help, this wood beam seems to be getting heavier... my body drained of energy... But I get up and go on. Even from the crowd's torment, I will get up and go on because I love them still... and I love you... Father, give me strength... please be with me...

MUSIC/ Heart beats

**The Eighth Station – Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem**

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

I see women pushing through the crowds. I see you weeping for Me. Do you feel guilty or do you feel pity for me? What I want is not these, but your heart, your mind, and your life. Show me your love by loving others more than yourself. Weep not for me... I will not abandon you... i promise.

MUSIC/ Heart beats

**The Ninth Station – Jesus falls beneath His cross the third time**

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Father, are you with me? My sweat, blood and tears blend with the dust of the earth just as they did last night in the Garden of Gethsemane. My body is weak... i am tired... the road has been long and painful... my wounds are burning in pain... I have to keep going though. It takes all of my strength and will to go on, but I do because I love you so very much.

MUSIC/ Heart beats

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

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Ahhh... All my wounds are torn open again as they grabbed and ripped my tunic off my body. Why do they continue to laugh at me, mock me, taunt me, beat me... humiliate me... my wounded body covered with a small cloth... this is why my Father sent me... to save them, to save you. Father, be with me... please...

MUSIC/ Heart beats

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

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

How much can the flesh ensure? Flesh is weak...

Ahhh... my hands... the pain...

I can't breathe.. the nails piercing my hands and feet is my only means of support. My body burning from the suns rays.

Father, please forgive them... they do not know what they are doing. Father be with me... Your promise and gift to the world - for the salvation of souls... Father, here I am... I can't breath...

**Sung:** Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross

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

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

MUSIC/ Heart beats get faster

I hang suspended between heaven and earth my eyes and mind clear for one final look at my creation. They give me a little to drink when I said I was thirsty ... it was sour and raised on a branch but still welcome feeling... i can't breath... I see my mother; whom I love with a special love. I see the disciple whom I love, I ask you take care of My mother. Recall how I said that anyone who does the will of My Father is mother, and brother, and sister to me. I see each of you; I love you with an everlasting love. Remember that I love you even to death on the cross.

MUSIC/ Heart beats suddenly stop

..... (gasp for breath)..... It Is Finished.... (exhale) ...

**SILENCE FOR 30 SECONDS**

**Sung:** Were you there when they crucified my Lord  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord

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

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

(Mary's Voice)

What greater pain is there for a mother than to see her son suffer and die right before her eyes. I, who brought this man into the world, watched him grow, stood helplessly beneath his cross as he lowered his head and died. His earthly anguish is finished... but mine was greater than ever. Yet, this had to be and I accept it... so I stood, i mourned silently. The crowd is gone, the noise had stopped. I stood quietly with one of his friends and looked up at the dead body of our Saviour.. my son. Two men took his body from the cross and placed in my arms. I remember holding him as a baby... there is deep sorrow in my heart yet a sense of joy. Life ended cruelly for my son but it had also brought life to all of us. As painful as it is.. i knew this had to be... My boy... my son... my saviour...

**Sung:** Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross

**The Fourteenth Station – Jesus is laid in the tomb**

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

All: Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

(Mary's Voice)

We brought Jesus' body to a tomb and I arranged it there myself... I weep silently... My son... my beloved son... I take one more look at his body before they rolled a heavy rock at its entrance. I knew this had to be... it had to be for me... it had to be for you! He loves you so much... I will wait in faith... silently.

**Sung:** Were you there when they laid him in the tomb  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb