

*THE
BLESSED TRINITY*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

2014

Stations of the Cross

The First Station Jesus is condemned to die

*We adore thee Oh Christ and we praise thee because by thy holy cross thou hast
redeemed the world*

FIRST VOICE

Jesus stands before those who have the power to hurt him.
Jesus is dying for what he believes in.
They are going to kill because they have the power
The Son of God is helpless
Accused because of what others have said
Condemned because of what others have done.

SECOND VOICE

Do I speak out and put a stop to it.
Or do I cry, as those who have the power hurt me
Do I have the courage to act upon what is right.
Or do I follow the crowd
Bow my head
Say nothing
And wash my hands of the pain of those around me
Condemned Jesus
give me the courage to share the suffering of the weak

*I love you Jesus
My love above all things
I regret with my whole heart of having offended thee
Never permit me to separate myself from thee again
Grant that I may love thee and then do with me what thou will*

The second station Jesus receives the cross

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FIRST VOICE

Why did they give Jesus this burden?
Why must he suffer like this?
It will not be easy to carry the cross upon which they plan to kill him
Forced to contribute in the struggle of his own agony
From where is found the courage
From where this sacred strength

SECOND VOICE

Can I even find the courage to take up the challenge of my own fears.
When my thoughts of losing or failing are burning into my brains.
When my stomach is tied, as I try to hide the tears.
How did you lift the cross?
And take that next step
Teach me Jesus
To carry even my deepest fears
And get it done

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Third station
Jesus falls for the first time

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FIRST VOICE

There is the shock and strange guilt
To witness this man Jesus, fall beneath the cross
I do not want to look into his eyes
As he strains to rise again and go on
Those who have the power scream at the victim
Why do I feel so helpless
When those I love suffer

SECOND VOICE

Can I rise like Christ after falling
After getting it wrong
and not knowing how to fix it
Can I step back from my panic
And begin again
To bit-by-bit accept I made a mistake
To listen, and to feel the pain of shame
But still to work through this frustration
And to go on, *and to go on*

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Fourth station
Jesus meets his mother

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FIRST VOICE

The fear of Mary the Mother of Christ
This gives her the courage to push through the crowd
She is the one who cared for her child
As the family ran to Egypt to escape Herod's cruelty
She is the one who now
Stands empty
There is nothing you can do Mary
But, be with him

SECOND VOICE

Jesus look at your mother
This woman is witness to your weakness
The one you would protect
Places herself in danger to be close to you
Your shared love is so strong
But still you go on
Some things you have to do for yourself
Those you love, can only stand by you

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Fifth station
Simon helps carry the cross

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FIRST VOICE

Was this man Simon wanting to help
Or was he forced to help Jesus carry that burden
Did the people stare and laugh at the one the soldiers pulled from the crowd
Or did he have the courage
To be different
The courage to be seen
And to help lift the weight of this suffering

SECOND VOICE

So now Jesus is not alone
Someone helps carry the wood of the cross
You may ask what difference this can make
But those who have lived pain know
How important it is
Not to be alone
And so you like Simon
Will be asked
Just to be there,
for me

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Sixth Station
Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

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FIRST VOICE

Veronica felt sorry, and angry and embarrassed
His face covered in sweat, and blood, and filth
And they screamed at him
That step she made to overcome her fear
And wiping his face
Left an image on the cloth
And a memory of kindness
That never left her.

SECOND VOICE

It can disturb to remember
But though obscured by my tears
I do not want to forget your face
There were holidays and laughter
And times
now after you have gone
Let me recall
The simple image of your face
I do not want to forget your face

I still love you

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Seventh station
Jesus falls the second time

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FIRST VOICE

Now so very tired and beyond the pain
Jesus falls again and feels like he has failed
They are talking about him
Laughing at him
Angry, Lord Jesus be angry
Stand up in front of them
And begin again

SECOND VOICE

When I lose control
When I fall into self-pity
Or find myself again helpless
And listening
Listening to what they *may* say about me
Help me to look beyond, to those who love me
Lead my eyes to those who care
Then gently give me the anger
That I may stand
And take the next step
With this strength

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The eighth station
Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

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FIRST VOICE

The women of Jerusalem are waiting
They want to help the victim
Surrounded by the violence, and the screaming
Uncomfortable now and nervous
They feel they have to be there
Because they care
Trapped by their own kindness
Which is drawing them
Into the suffering of the man Jesus
And the anger of the crowd

SECOND VOICE

What can I do
I am scared
I admit I can be scared
I would sooner sleep
And wish it wasn't me
Do I have the courage like these women
To speak
To be different and make a move
I do care
But where will this lead me
There is always more that you can do
Give me the courage at least
To do something

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Ninth Station

Jesus falls for the third time

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FIRST VOICE

Jesus falls again
And again there is that sense of failure
This time without the strength
Empty
His body is empty of energy
Beyond seeing or hearing
them
He is alone
In the isolation of pain
And struggling with the strongest voice
with the power to condemn
his own

SECOND VOICE

Work Jesus work
Block out the doubts and voices in your heart
Believe in what you know is true
Believe in yourself

I am still somebody
I am still somebody

From deep within defy them
Block out the pain
And stand again
With dignity

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Tenth station
Jesus is stripped of his garments

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FIRST VOICE

Jesus is stripped for the cross
And they stare at him
Is this the same man
Who cured the sick
Who spoke with such grace
This broken naked body
This bruised and frightened face
And here in Jesus I see what I could be
The victim
And fear creates within the crowd this nervous laughter
And we deny the dignity of this man
Who defies our humiliation

SECOND VOICE

I saw my father cry once
Real tears, which seemed out of place
And I was embarrassed
That stripped of the mask that men wear
I could see his pain

Then like Jesus he began again
from that place
And my love for him
Grew older

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Eleventh Station
Jesus is nailed to the cross

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FIRST VOICE

Has there not been enough
Still the pointless and vicious revenge
And my guilty eyes are drawn
As the soldiers dead to sense
Cut the flesh and break the bones
Of he, who's only response
In agony
Is dignity

SECOND VOICE

I am afraid
Building up in my head
What could happen
Far beyond what will happen
I do not want to hurt
But there will be days
When I will feel pain
You have overcome
And I can overcome
If I believe

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I love you Jesus*

Twelfth Station

Jesus dies upon the cross

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FIRST VOICE

Is this death
I need to be sure
How can he
How can such a man die
All that sacrifice
All that noise
And now this emptiness
Has he really gone

SECOND VOICE

Even the crowd is silent
There is nothing left
they fall away from the spectacle
Ashamed of their part
Death itself teaching them
How futile is their anger
As he moves beyond their touch
And we don't know what to do

I don't know what to do

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Thirteenth station

Jesus is taken down from the cross

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FIRST VOICE

So the body has been released
The Romans allow us
To take down from the cross
He who was so beautiful

Wipe your eyes be strong
We must show respect
Tears have their place
But now we must act

SECOND VOICE

Small things
All we can do are small things
Wash the face
And cloth the naked form
Small things
He must be clean
Prepared for the grave
If now all that can be done
Are small tokens of love
Then give me the strength
To do well
The small things

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Fourteenth station
Jesus is buried in the tomb

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FIRST VOICE

We take the corpse to bury it
With memories and anger and silence
Broken only by that poor woman
Holding on to what they have finished with
The cold and lifeless body of her son
Love and precious pain

SECOND VOICE

I do not want to leave you
At least here I am near you
Although lifeless
I can see you
How can I go on
alone

Peace Peace

He will be with you always
He will always be with you
He will always be with you

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Fifteenth station

The resurrection

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The gospel according to St John
As she said this she turned round and saw Jesus standing there
Supposing him to be the gardener she said
“Sir if you have taken him away,
Tell me where you have put him
And I will go and remove him”
Jesus said
“Mary”
She turned around and said to him in Hebrew
“Rabbuni”- which means Master
Jesus said to her
“Do not cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to the father
But go to my brothers, and tell them:
I am ascending to my father and your father
To my God and your God

SECOND VOICE

The Gospel according to St Matthew
Jesus said
Go therefore and make Disciples of all nations
Baptise them in the name of the
Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit
And teach them to observe all the commands I gave you
And know
I am with you always:
Yes to the end of time

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