



Stations of the Cross

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Before each station

Minister: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. (Genuflect.)

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

Way of the Cross

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1. Jesus, Lord, condemned, defiled,
May we too be meek and mild
As we tread your holy way.
May we feel no bitter hatred,
When we too are persecuted,
Left alone to walk with You.
2. Now the Cross as Jesus bore it,
Has become for us who share it,
The jeweled Cross of Victory.
3. Weakened, prodded, cursed and fallen,
His whole Body bruised and swollen,
Jesus tripped and all in pain.
4. Jesus met his grieving Mother,
She who made the Lord our Brother,
Now the sword her heart has pierced.
5. Simon stopped in hesitation,
Not foreseeing his proud station,
Called to bear the cross of Christ.
6. Brave but trembling came the woman,
None but she would flaunt the Roman,
Moved by love beyond her fear.
7. Prostrate on the dust He crumbled,
Flogged in Body He resembled,
All our brothers poor and scorned.

8. May our sympathy for Jesus,
Turn to those who here now need us,
May we see Christ bruised in them.
9. Jesus fell again in weakness,
Stumbling as we do, to lead us,
Through our sorrow and our pain.
10. Stripped and jeered by his own nation,
Jesus stood in desolation,
Giving all He had to give.
11. Pierced the hands that
blessed and cured us,
Pierced the feet that walked to free us,
Walked the hill of Calvary.
12. Life eternal, death defiant,
Bowed his head – the world was silent,
Through his death came life anew.
13. Stunned and stricken, Mary Mother,
In your arms was placed our brother,
“Full of grace” now filled with grief.
14. Jesus, Lord, your gift accepted,
In three days You resurrected,
You did first what we shall do.

Were You There

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?

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Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
(At the words "and became man," all bow.)
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.