

# Stations of the Cross



*MagorMinistry Area*  
*Becoming the people*  
*God calls us to be*

*We continue our journey through Holy Week as we reflect today on the cross.*

*We are using the Biblical Stations rather than the Traditional ones as they follow the narrative of today more closely.*

*Stations of the cross is essentially a Biblical meditation, each station focussing on a different incident that occurred from His agony in the garden to His burial in the tomb. You may wish to pause after each station to reflect or to pray for a moment.*

Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

*Matthew 16.24,25*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example of his  
patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The Collect for Palm Sunday*

*The structure of each station is as follows:*

*The station is announced.*

*The following refrain is said:*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**Because by your holy cross you have  
redeemed the world.**

*The Scripture reading.*

*Pause to reflect or pray.*

*The following refrain:*

Holy God, **holy and strong, holy and immortal,**  
**have mercy on us**

*The Stations and Readings:*

- I. Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane  
*(Matthew 26:36-41)*
- II. Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested  
*(Mark 14: 43-46)*
- III. Jesus is Condemned by the  
Sanhedrin  
*(Luke 22: 66-71)*

- IV. Jesus is Denied by Peter  
*(Matthew 26: 69-75)*
- V. Jesus is Judged by Pilate  
*(Mark 15: 1-5, 15)*
- VI. Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with  
Thorns *(John 19: 1-3)*
- VII. Jesus Bears the Cross  
*(John 19: 6, 15-17)*
- VIII. Jesus is Helped by Simon of Cyrene  
to Carry the Cross  
*(Mark 15: 21)*
- IX. Jesus Meets the Women of  
Jerusalem  
*(Luke 23: 27-31)*
- X. Jesus is Crucified  
*(Luke 23: 33-34)*
- XI. Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the  
Good Thief  
*(Luke 23: 39-43)*
- XII. Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the  
Disciple *(John 19: 25-27)*
- XIII. Jesus Dies on the Cross  
*(Luke 23: 44-46)*
- XIV. Jesus is Placed in the Tomb  
*(Matthew 27: 57-60)*

*After the final Station:*

As our Saviour taught us we are bold to pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

Almighty Father,

look with mercy on this your family

for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be

betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners

and to suffer death upon the cross;

who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The service concludes in silence, a reminder that the service isn't finished, we continue tomorrow evening with the Vigil.*