



THE TWELFTH STATION DIES

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lamma sabachthani?’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? ... Then Jesus gave a loud cry, and yielded up his spirit.” [Mark 15.34,37]

“Consummatum est.” It is completed—it has come to a full end. The mystery of God’s love towards us is accomplished. The price is paid, and we are redeemed. ... O my God and Father, you have valued us so much as to pay the highest of all possible prices for our sinful souls—and shall we not love and choose you above all things as the one necessary and one only good?

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. He surrendered himself to death and was ranked with sinners, so as to give life to his people.

My people, what have I done to you? Or how have I grieved you? Answer me! Indeed, I planted you as my most beautiful chosen vine and you have turned very bitter for me, for in my thirst you gave me vinegar to drink and with a lance you pierced your Savior’s side. Holy is God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.



THE THIRTEENTH STATION DESCENT FROM CROSS

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

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“They took Jesus’ body, then, and wrapped it in winding-cloths with the spices.” [John 19.40] “This is the greatest love that a man can show, that he should lay down his life for his friends.” [John 15.13]

He has not been in your arms, O Mother of God, since he was a child—but now you have a claim upon him, when the world has done its worst. For you are the all-favoured, all-blessed, all-gracious mother of the highest.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. We worship your Cross, O Lord, and we praise and glorify your holy resurrection, for the wood of the cross has brought joy to the world.



THE FOURTEENTH STATION PLACED IN SEPULCHRE

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“Joseph took possession of the body, and wrapped it in a clean winding-sheet; then he buried it in a new grave, which he had fashioned for himself out of the rock, and left it there, rolling a great stone against the grave-door.” [Matthew 27.59-60]

Jesus, when He was nearest to His everlasting triumph, seemed to be farthest from triumphing. When He was nearest upon entering upon His kingdom, and exercising all power in heaven and earth, He was lying dead in a cave of the rock. ... Make us sure, O Lord, that the greater is our distress, the nearer we are to Thee.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. He made me dwell in darkness. Like the dead, long forgotten.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

for use with the Stations by Ellsworth Kelly in *Austin at the Blanton Museum of Art*

Meditations from John Henry Cardinal Newman. Scripture quotations from the Knox Version. More information at locusiste.org

ACT OF CONTRITION

℣. Have mercy on us, O Lord:

℟. For we have sinned against you.

℣. Show us, O Lord, your mercy:

℟. And grant us your salvation.



THE FIRST STATION PILATE

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“‘What I was born for, what I came into the world for, is to bear witness to the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth, listens to my voice.’ Pilate said to him, ‘what is truth?’” [John 18.37-38]

The Holy, Just, and True was judged by sinners, and put to death. Yet, while they judged, they were compelled to acquit him. ... He who was condemned in weakness shall judge the world in power, and even those who are condemned will confess their judgment is just.

Our Father...

Be mindful, Lord, of this your family, for whose sake our Lord Jesus Christ, when betrayed, did not hesitate to yield himself into his enemies’ hands and undergo the agony of the cross. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

℟. They arise, the kings of the earth; princes plot against the Lord and his anointed.



THE SECOND STATION SHOULDERS CROSS

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“So Jesus went out, carrying his own cross, to the place named after a skull; its Hebrew name is Golgotha.” [John 19.17] “‘If anyone has a mind to come my way, let them renounce self, and take up his cross, and follow me.’” [Matthew 16.24]

Our sins cost him this humiliation. He had to take on our nature, to appear among us as a man, and to offer up for us a great sacrifice. He had to pass a life in penance and to endure his passion and death at the end of it.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. Lord, help us to walk in your steps.



THE THIRD STATION FALLS 1ST TIME

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“My own wrong-doing towers high above me, hangs on me like a heavy burden; my wounds fester and rankle, with my own folly to blame. Beaten down, bowed to the earth, I go mourning all day long, my whole frame afire, my whole body diseased; so spent, so crushed, I groan aloud in the weariness of my heart.” [Psalm 37(38).5-9]

O dear Lord, by this first fall raise us all out of sin, who have so miserably fallen under its power.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. Jesus Christ loved us, and poured out his own blood for us to wash away our sins.



THE FOURTH STATION ENCOUNTERS MOTHER

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

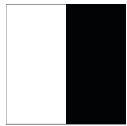
℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“And Jesus, seeing his mother there, and the disciple, too, whom he loved, standing by, said to his mother, ‘Woman, this is your son.’” [John 19.26]

There is no part of the history of Jesus but Mary has her part in it. Sweet Mother, let us ever think of thee when we think of Jesus, and when we pray to him, ever aid us by your powerful intercession.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. My soul is in anguish; my heart is in torment.



THE FIFTH STATION HELPED TO CARRY CROSS

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“As for his cross, they forced a passer-by who was coming in from the country to carry it, one Simon of Cyrene.” [Mark 15.21]

Jesus could bear his cross alone, did he so will; but he permits Simon to help him in order to remind us that we must take part in his sufferings and have a fellowship in his work. His merit is infinite, yet he condescends to let his people add their merit to it.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. When we were still God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son.



THE SIXTH STATION DABBED WITH CLOTH (VERONICA’S VEIL)

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” [John 14.9]

“Believe me, when you did it to one of the least of my brethren here, you did it to me.” [Matthew 25.40]

His image must ever be impressed on all our hearts... We must ever meditate upon his death and resurrection, we must ever imitate his divine excellence, according to our measure. Lord, let our countenances be ever pleasing in your sight, ... washed white in your precious blood.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. Just as you are sharing in our sufferings, so also will you share in our consolation.



THE SEVENTH STATION FALLS 2ND TIME

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“Here is one despised, left out of all human reckoning; bowed with misery, and no stranger to weakness; how should we recognize that face? How should we take any account of him, a man so despised? Our weakness, and it was he who carried the weight of it; our miseries, and it was he who bore them.” [Isaiah 53.3-4]

O dear Lord, teach us to suffer with you and not be afraid of Satan’s buffetings when they come on us from resisting him.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. Look well, all you peoples, and see my suffering.



THE EIGHTH STATION CONSOLES WOMEN

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“It is not for me that you should weep, daughters of Jerusalem; you should weep for yourselves and your children.” [Luke 23.27-31]

Lord, we know not what is good for us, and what is bad. We cannot foretell the future, nor do we know, when you come to visit us, in what form you will come. And therefore we leave it all to you. Do your good pleasure to us and in us.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. Lord, have mercy on us.



THE NINTH STATION FALLS 3RD TIME

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“It is not as if our high priest was incapable of feeling for us in our humiliations; he has been through every trial, fashioned as we are, only sinless.” [Hebrews 4.15]

O Jesus, Only-begotten Son of God, the Word Incarnate, we adore with fear and trembling and deep thankfulness your awful humiliation, that you who are the highest should have permitted yourself, even for one hour, to be the sport and prey of the evil one.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. False witnesses have risen against me, and falsehood has deceived itself.



THE TENTH STATION ARRIVAL AT CALVARY

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

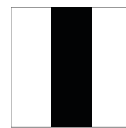
℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“If a man would take away your cloak, do not grudge him you coat along with it.” [Luke 6.28-29]

He parted with what seemed most necessary ... by the law of human nature since the fall. Grant us in like manner, O dear Lord, to care nothing for anything on earth, and to bear the loss of all things, and to endure even shame, reproach, contempt, and mockery.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. They divided my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.



THE ELEVENTH STATION NAILED TO THE CROSS

℣. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

℟. For by your cross you have redeemed the world.

“Jesus was meanwhile saying, ‘Father, forgive them; they do not know what it is they are doing.’” [Luke 23.34]

Thus, all his senses are mortified and crucified, that he may make atonement for every kind of human sin. O Jesus, mortify and crucify us with you. Let us never sin by hand or foot, by eyes or mouth, or by head or heart. Let all our senses be a sacrifice to you; let every member sing your praise.

Our Father... Be mindful, Lord...

℟. Those who sought my life used violence against me.