

**ST. ERCONWALD'S CHURCH - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
**LENT 2021 – The Way of Mercy [Based on Psalms 6 and 50]**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Jesus, as we begin this journey with you, help us to see that for you it was a journey of love. May we learn from this walk how to follow you more closely and accept the love that you have for us.

**BEFORE EACH STATION:**

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,*

**Because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

**AT THE END OF EACH STATION:**

*I love you, Jesus, my love above all things. I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me, as you will.*

**FIRST STATION: *Jesus is condemned to death***

Pilate released Barabbas for the crowd; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified." Matthew 27:21-26

**Prayer**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. [Ps 50. 1-2] *I love you, Jesus.....*

**SECOND STATION: *Jesus carries his Cross***

"After mocking Jesus, the soldiers stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him." Matthew 27:28-31

**Prayer**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned what is evil in your sight I have done. [Ps 50. 3.4] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**THIRD STATION: *The First Fall***

"He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

**Prayer**

That you may be justified when you give sentence and be without reproach when you judge, O see, in guilt I was born, a sinner was I conceived. [Ps 50. 4-5] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**FOURTH STATION: *A mother meets her son***

"Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel ..... and a sword will pierce your own soul too." Luke 2:33-35

**Prayer**

Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean; O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow. [Ps 50. 6-7] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**FIFTH STATION: *Simon helps to carry the Cross***

"The soldiers compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus." Mark 15:21

**Prayer**

O Make me hear rejoicing and gladness that the bones you have crushed may revive. From my sins turn away your face and blot out all my guilt.[Ps 50. 7-8] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**SIXTH STATION: *His face is wiped by Veronica***

"And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of our family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:37-40

**Prayer**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. [Ps 50. 9-10] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**SEVENTH STATION: *The Second Fall***

"Come to me all you who labour, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-30

**Prayer**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. [Ps 50. 11-12] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**EIGHTH STATION:** *The Jerusalem women meet him*

"A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him." Luke 23:27-28

**Prayer**

O rescue me, God, my helper, and my tongue shall ring out your goodness. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. [Ps 50. 13-14] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**NINTH STATION:** *The Third Fall*

"For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:37

**Prayer**

For in sacrifice you take no delight, burnt offering from me you would refuse; my sacrifice, a contrite spirit, a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. [Ps 50. 15-16] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**TENTH STATION:** *Jesus is stripped*

"The soldiers took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier." John 19:23-24

**Prayer**

In your goodness, show favour to Zion; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice, then you will be offered young bulls on your altar. [Ps 50. 17-19] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**ELEVENTH STATION:** *Jesus is nailed to the Cross*

"When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left." Luke 23:33-34

**Prayer**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. [Ps 50. 1-2] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**TWELFTH STATION:** *Jesus dies on the cross*

"When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished'. With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." [Pause] John 19:28-30

**Prayer**

Lord, do not reprove me in your anger, punish me not, in your rage. Have mercy on me, Lord, I have no strength; Lord, heal me, my body is racked, my soul is racked with pain. [Ps 6.1-3] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**THIRTEENTH STATION:** *Jesus is taken down from the Cross*

"Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed the body." John 19:38

**Prayer**

But you, O Lord .... how long? Return, Lord, rescue my soul. Save me in your merciful love; for in death no one remembers you; from the grave, who can give you praise? [Ps 6. 4-5] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**FOURTEENTH STATION:** *The burial of Jesus*

"Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. " Mark 15: 45-47

**Prayer**

I am exhausted with my groaning; every night I drench my pillow with tears; I soak my bed with weeping. My eye wastes away with grief; I have grown old surrounded by my foes. Ps 6. 6-7] *I love you, Jesus .....*

**FIFTEENTH STATION:** *Jesus is raised from the dead*

““Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”” [Luke 24:5]

**Prayer**

Leave me, all you who do evil, for the Lord has heard my weeping. The Lord has heard my plea, the Lord will accept my prayer. All my foes will retire in confusion, foiled and suddenly confounded. [Ps 6. 8-10]

*For the intentions of the Holy Father: Our Father ..... Hail Mary ..... Glory Be .....*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Father, we have shared again the Passover journey of your Son. We have followed his Way of the Cross. As Christian people we understand that must be our way too. Help us through this Prayer of the Cross to seek your will for us. We sign ourselves with the Cross of Christ: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.