

**Stations of the cross
St John's, Kidlington
Wednesday of Holy Week 2024**

The journey begins

Reading: Philippians 2: 5 – 11

Prayer: Lord, we are about to walk in prayer
 the way of the Cross with you.
 You bore our faults
 in your body on the Cross.
 Through your wounds may we find healing.
 Through your suffering may we find peace.
 Through your dying may we be born
 to everlasting Life.
 Through your passion and death may we be
 brought to the glory of the resurrection.

At each station we will begin with the response:

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

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

***and end, after a reading and or a reflection and
prayer, with the words:***

**Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy.**

Station 1. Jesus is condemned to death

Reading: Matthew 27: 20 – 26

Station 2. Jesus takes up his cross

Reading: Matthew 27: 27 – 31

Station 3. Jesus falls for the first time

A reading from Caryll Houselander

Sing: When I survey the wondrous cross
 on which the Prince of Glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss,
 and pour contempt on all my pride.

Station 4. Jesus meets his mother

Reading: Luke 2: 33 – 35

Station 5. Simon helps Jesus carry his cross

Reading: Luke 23: 26

Station 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

A reading from Caryll Houselander

Sing: Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 save in the cross of Christ, my God:
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.

Station 7. Jesus falls a second time

Reading: Isaiah 53: 4 – 7

Station 8. Jesus meets the weeping women

Reading: Luke 23: 27 – 28

Station 9. Jesus falls a third time

Reading: 1 Peter 2: 22 – 24

Sing: See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 sorrow and love flow mingled down!
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Station 10. Jesus is stripped of his garments

Reading: Matthew 27: 35 – 36

Station 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross

Luke 23: 33 – 34

Station 12. Jesus dies upon the cross

Reading: Mark 15: 33 – 39

Sing: His dying crimson, like a robe,
 spreads o'er his body on the tree;
 then I am dead to all the globe,
 and all the globe is dead to me.

Station 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross

Mark 15: 44 – 46

Station 14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

Reading: John 19: 38 – 42

Sing: Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 that were an offering far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine,
 demands my soul, my life, my all.

We say together the Lord's prayer and the grace