

Stations of the Cross

St. Michael Church

Lent 2021

Sign of the Cross/Greeting

Opening Prayer

For each station:

Presider: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: **By your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

Reading from Scripture

Response (see below)

I. Jesus is sentenced to death

All: Hide me from the malicious crowd, the mob of evildoers.
They sharpen their tongues like swords,
ready their bows for arrows of poison words. (*Psalms 64:3-4*)

II. Jesus accepts the cross

All: Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers,
he was silent and opened not his mouth. (*Isaiah 53:7*)

III. Jesus falls the first time

All: For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed
with our heavenly habitation. (*2 Corinthians 5:2*)

IV. Jesus meets his mother Mary

All: You will weep and mourn while the world rejoices;
you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. (*John 16:20*)

V. Simon helps Jesus carry the cross

All: Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me. (*Matthew 16:24*)

VI. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

All: I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (*John 13:34*)

VII. Jesus falls a second time

All: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death,
even death on a cross. (*Philippians 2:8*)

VIII. Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

All: Ruth said, "Do not ask me to abandon or forsake you!
for wherever you go I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge,
your people shall be my people, and your God my God." (*Ruth 1:16*)

IX. Jesus falls a third time

All: You have folded up my life, like a weaver who severs the last thread.
Like a swallow I utter shrill cries; I moan like a dove. (*Isaiah 38:12, 14*)

X. Jesus is stripped of his garments

All: Naked I came forth from my mother's womb, and naked shall I go back again.
The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
blessed be the name of the Lord. (*Job 1:21*)

XI. Jesus is crucified

All: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (*John 3:14-15*)

XII. Jesus dies on the cross

All: I have told you this so that you might have peace in me.
In the world you will have trouble, but take courage,
I have conquered the world. (*John 16:33*)

XIII. Jesus' mother and friends lower his body from the cross

All: Come, all you who pass by the way, look and see
Whether there is any suffering like my suffering. (*Lamentations 1:12*)

XIV. Jesus' mother and friends lay his body in the tomb

All: My soul, be at rest in God alone, from whom comes my hope. (*Psalms 62:6*)

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Prayer Over the People