

At the Name of Jesus

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1

At the name of Jesus
Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure,
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

2

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners,
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it,
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious,
When from death he passed.

3

Bore it up triumphant,
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

4

In your hearts enthrone him;
There, let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true;
May your voice entreat him
In temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you
In its light and power.

5

One day this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
With his Father's glory,
O'er the earth to reign;
He is God the Savior,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Always blest, adored.

OPENING PRAYER

(ALL STAND)

Presider: Jesus came with his disciples to a country place
called Gethsemani,
and he said to them,
“Sit down here, while I go over yonder and pray.”
Then he took with him Peter
and the two sons of Zebedee,
and he began to be saddened
and exceedingly troubled.
He said to them,
“My soul is sad, even unto death.
Wait here and watch with me.”
He went forward a little,
and falling prostrate, he prayed, saying,
“Father, if it is possible,
let this cup pass away from me;
yet not as I will but as you will.”

(Mt. 26, 36 to 39)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: Almighty and eternal Father,
accept our prayer of thanksgiving
for your Beloved Son, our Savior and Lord.
As we recall his Sacred Passion
send the Spirit of Christ into our hearts,
we beg You,
so that whether we pray or work,
we might do all in union
with Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.

(ALL STAND, LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: (to the tune of Stabat Mater)

*Jesus, Lord, condemned, defiled,
May we too be meek and mild
As we tread your holy Way.*

*May we feel no bitter hatred,
When we too are persecuted,
Left alone to walk with You.*

FIRST STATION

Jesus is condemned to death

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: Again the high priest began to ask him,
and said to him, “Are you the Christ,
the Son of the Blessed One ?”
And Jesus said to him, “I am.
And you shall see the Son of Man
sitting at the right hand of the Power
and coming with the clouds of heaven.”
But the high priest tore his garments, and said,
“What further need have we of witnesses.
You have heard the blasphemy.
What do you think?”
And they all condemned him as liable to death.

(Mark 14, 61 to 64)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: The kings of the earth rise up
and the princes conspire together
against the Lord and against his Anointed.
/ I will proclaim the decree of the Lord;
/ the Lord said to me: / “You are my Son;
this day I have begotten you.
/ Ask of me and I will give you
the nations for an inheritance
/ and the ends of the earth for your possession.”

(Psalm 2, 2 & 7-8)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

All-powerful and eternal God,
for proclaiming the truth, your Son, Jesus Christ,
is condemned to death by crucifixion.
Stir up your love in our hearts
so that we might be ever faithful
to all that You have told us
and fear nothing more
than the loss of your friendship through sin.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND, LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Now the Cross as Jesus bore it,
Has become for us who share it,
The jeweled Cross of Victory.*

SECOND STATION

Jesus carries his Cross

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: And Pilate said to the Jews, “Behold, your king !”
But they cried out, “Away with him!
Away with him! Crucify him !”
Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your king?”
The chief priests answered,
“We have no king but Caesar.”
Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.
And so they took Jesus and led him away,
bearing the cross for himself. (John 19, 14 to 17)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: Who would believe what we have heard ?
/ To whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed ?
/ He grew up like a sapling before him,
like a shoot from the parched earth;
/ there was in him no stately bearing
to make us look at him,
/ no appearance that would attract us to him.

/ He was rejected and avoided by men,
/ a man of suffering, accustomed to infirmity,
/ one of those from whom men turn away,
/ and we held him in no esteem. (Is. 53, 1 to 3)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ,
still carries his Cross
in his persecuted brothers and sisters
throughout the world.

Make us feel the needs of all persons
so that we might as readily help them
as we would help Jesus himself.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Weakened, prodded, cursed, and fallen,*
 His whole Body bruised and swollen,
 Jesus tripped and lay in pain.

THIRD STATION

Jesus falls the first time

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: If the world hates you,
know that it has hated me before you.
If you were of the world,
the world would love what is its own.
Because you are not of the world,
but I have chosen you out of the world,
therefore the world hates you.
Remember the word that I have spoken to you:
No servant is greater than his master.
If they have persecuted me,
they will persecute you also. (John 15, 18-20)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: Why are your clothes red,
/ and your garments
like those of the wine presser ?
/ “The wine press I have trodden alone,
/ and of my people there was no one with me.

FOURTH STATION

Jesus meets his afflicted mother

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: Now there were standing by the cross of Jesus
his mother,
and his mother's sister, Mary of Cleophas,
and Mary Magdalene.
When Jesus, therefore, saw his mother
and the disciple standing by, whom he loved,
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."
Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother."
And from that hour
the disciple took her into his home.

(John 19, 25 to 27)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: To what can I compare you, O daughter Jerusalem ?
/ What example can I show you for your comfort,
virgin daughter Sion ?
/ For great as the sea is your distress;
/ who can heal you ? (Lam. 2, 13)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

O blessed Lord, at your passion a sword of sorrow
pierced the loving heart of your mother
as Simeon had foretold.

Grant that we who look back on her sorrows
with compassion
might receive the healing fruits of your sufferings.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Simon stopped in hesitation,
Not foreseeing his proud station,
Called to bear the Cross of Christ.*

FIFTH STATION

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his Cross

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: And when they had mocked Jesus,
they took the purple cloak off
and put his own clothes on him,
and they led him out to be crucified.
Then they forced a certain passer-by,
Simon of Cyrene,
coming from the country,
to take up his cross.
They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha,
a name meaning ‘the place of the skull’.

(Mk. 15, 20 to 22)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: With a loud voice I cry out to the Lord;
/ with a loud voice I beseech the Lord.
/ My complaint I pour out before him;
before him I lay bare my distress.

/ When my spirit is faint within me,
you know my path.
/ In the way along which I walk
they have hid a trap for me.
/ I look to the right to see,
but there is no one who pays me heed.
/ I have lost all means of escape;
/ there is no one who cares for my life.

(Ps. 141, 2- to 5)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
help us to see
in the sufferings and shortcomings of our lives
a share in Your Cross;
strengthen and console us in the belief
that we bear all things in union with You,
who have taken upon Yourself even our guilt.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Brave but trembling came the woman,
None but she would flaunt the Roman,
Moved by love beyond her fear.*

SIXTH STATION

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: “Lord, when did we see you hungry,
and feed you;
or thirsty, and give you drink ?
And when did we see you a stranger,
and take you in;
or naked, and clothe you?
Or when did we see you sick, or in prison,
and come to you ?”
And answering, the king will say to them,
“Amen, I say to you,
as long as you did it for one of these,
the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.”

(Mt. 25, 37 to 40)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;
/ he who finds one finds a treasure.
/ A faithful friend is beyond price,
no sum can balance his worth.
/ A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy,
such as he who fears God finds;
/ for he who fears God behaves accordingly,
/ and his friend will be like himself. (Sirach 6, 14 to 17)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-loving God,
we feel your love and understanding
in the consolation and support
we receive from one another.
Give us, we beg You, the courage and dedication
to sacrifice and suffer with those
who are in need,
the least of your people.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Prostrate on the dust He crumbled,
Flogged in Body He resembled
All our brothers poor and scorned.*

SEVENTH STATION

Jesus falls the second time

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: It was our weaknesses that he carried,
our sufferings that he endured,
while we thought of him as stricken,
as one struck by God and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our offenses,
crushed for our sins;
upon him was the punishment that makes us whole,
by his stripes we were healed.
We had all gone astray like sheep,
each following his own way;
but the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all.

(Is. 53, 4 to 6)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: Though he was harshly treated,
/ he submitted and opened not his mouth;
/ like a lamb led to the slaughter
 or a sheep before the shearers,
/ he was silent and uttered no cry.
/ When he was cut off from the land of the living,
 and smitten for the sin of his people,
/ a grave was assigned him among the wicked
 and a burial place with evildoers,
/ though he had done no wrong
 nor spoken any falsehood.

(Is. 53, 7 and 9)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You shared in our weaknesses and accepted our guilt.
Grant us the favor of rejoicing
over our human weaknesses,
so that in all we do, Your strength, dwelling in us,
may be shown to all others.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *May our sympathy for Jesus
 Turn to those who here now need us,
 May we see Christ bruised in them.*

EIGHTH STATION

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: There was following Jesus a great crowd of people,
and among them were some women
who were bewailing and lamenting him.
Jesus turning to them said,
“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me,
but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

(Luke 23, 27-28)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: Come, all you who pass by the way,
/ look and see whether there is any suffering
like my suffering,
/ suffering with which the Lord has afflicted me
on the day of his blazing wrath.
/ At this I weep, my eyes run with tears:
/ far from me are all who could console me,
/ far away are any who might revive me.

(Lam. 1, 12 and 16)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Beloved Jesus, with tears of pity
these woman of Jerusalem responded to You,
broken, bruised, and beaten,
on the road to Calvary.

Deepen our faith, we beg You,
so that we may see You in our brothers and sisters,
bruised by our envy, beaten down by injustice,
and broken by our greed and our indifference.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Jesus fell again in weakness,
 Stumbling as we do, to lead us
 Through our sorrow and our pain.*

NINTH STATION

Jesus falls a third time

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: I lie prostrate in the dust;
give me life according to your word.
I declared my ways, and you answered me;
teach me your commands.
Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous deeds.
My soul weeps for sorrow;
strengthen me with your words. (Ps. 118, 25 to 28)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
/ whom should I fear ?
/ The Lord is my life's refuge;
/ of whom should I be afraid?
/ When evildoers come at me to devour my flesh,
/ my foes and my enemies themselves
stumble and fall.
/ Though an army encamp against me,
/ my heart will not fear;
/ though war be waged upon me, even then will I trust.

(Ps. 26, 1 to 3)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, You permitted your Son
to be weakened, crushed, and profaned
so that He might rise from the dead
freed from the ravages of sin.

Help us to accept our weaknesses and failings
as forerunners of our glorious resurrection
in union with your Son.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Stripped and jeered by his own nation,
Jesus stood in desolation,
Giving all He had to give.*

TENTH STATION

Jesus is stripped of his clothes

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: They gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall;
but when he had tasted it, he would not drink.
Then after they had crucified him,
they divided his clothes, casting lots,
to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet,
“They divided my clothes among them,
and upon my garments they cast lots.” (Mt. 27, 34-35)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: Happy is the man whom God chastises !
/ Do not reject the punishment of the almighty.
/ For he wounds, but he binds up;
he smites, but his hands give healing.
/ Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak;
/ I looked for comforters, and I found none.
/ Rather they put gall in my food,
and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

(Job 5, 17 & 18; Ps. 68, 21 & 22)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
stripped of everything,
You stood exposed
to the jeers and contempt of the people
whom You loved.
Clothe us with genuine love of others,
so that nothing we suffer
may ever fill our hearts with hatred or bitterness.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Pierced the hands that blessed and cured us,
Pierced the feet that walked to free us,
Walked the hill of Calvary.*

ELEVENTH STATION

Jesus is nailed to the Cross

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: When they came to Golgotha,
the place called the Skull,
they crucified Jesus and the robbers,
one on his right and the other on his left.
And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them,
for they do not know what they are doing.”

(Lk. 23, 33-34; Jn. 19, 18)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me,
/ far from my prayer, far from the words of my cry ?
/ O my God, I cry out by day, and you answer not;
/ I cry out by night, and there is no relief for me.
/ All my bones are racked.
/ My heart has become like wax
melting away within my chest.
/ My throat is dried up like baked clay,
my tongue cleaves to my jaws;
/ they have pierced my hands and my feet;
/ I can count all my bones.

(Ps. 21, 2-3, 15-16, 17b)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Lord and Saviour,
You have told us
that we too must accept crucifixion
if we are to accept resurrection with You.
Help us to rejoice in the sufferings
that come with the fulfillment of our daily duties,
seeing in them the royal road
of the cross to the resurrection.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Life eternal, death defiant,
Bowed his head —the world was silent,
Through his death came life anew.*

TWELFTH STATION

Jesus dies on the Cross

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: It was now about the sixth hour,
and there was darkness over the whole land
until the ninth hour.
And the sun was darkened,
and the curtain of the temple was torn in the middle.
Jesus cried out with a loud voice and said,
“It is finished. Father, into your hands
I commend my spirit.”
Then, bowing his head, he died. (Lk. 23, 44 to 46; Jn. 19, 30b)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: My people, what have I done to you ?
/ or in what have I offended you ?
/ Answer me.
/ What more should I have done,
and did not do ?
/ I led you out of the land of Egypt,
and you prepared a cross for me.

/ I opened the Red Sea before you,
and you opened my side with a lance.
/ I gave you a royal scepter,
and you have given me a crown of thorns.
/ With great power I lifted you up,
and you have hung me upon a cross.
/ My people, what have I done to you,
or in what have I offended you ?
/ Answer me.

(from the Reproaches of Good Friday)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Stunned and stricken, Mary, Mother*
In your arms was placed our Brother,
“Full of grace” now filled with grief

THIRTEENTH STATION

The body of Jesus is taken down from the Cross

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: When the soldiers came to Jesus,
they saw that he was already dead
so that they did not break his legs,
but one of them opened his side with a lance,
and immediately there came out blood and water.
Joseph of Arimathea,
because he was a disciple of Jesus
(although a secret one for fear of the Jews),
besought Pilate
that he might take away the body of Jesus.
And Pilate gave permission.

(Jn. 19; 33-34, 38a)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: O my people, I will open your graves
and have you rise from them,
/ and I will bring you back to your land.
/ Then you shall know that I am the Lord.
/ O my people ! I will put my spirit in you
that you may live.
/ You shall know then that I am the Lord.
/ I have promised it,
/ and I will do it, says the Lord. (Ezekiel 37, 12-14)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Beloved Savior, You returned to the Father
all that He had given You,
so that He might restore all to You a hundred-fold
in the glorious resurrection.
Help us, we beg You,
to give generously of ourselves
in all that we do for You,
so that like You we might be made perfect
in a new resurrection.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

Sing: *Jesus, Lord, your gift accepted,
In three days You resurrected,
You did first what we shall do.*

FOURTEENTH STATION

Jesus is laid in the tomb

Pr.: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

(ALL GENUFLECT)

All: Because by your holy Cross
You have redeemed the world.

Pr.: Joseph of Arimathea took the body of Jesus,
and wrapping it in a clean linen cloth
he laid it in his new tomb,
which he had hewn out of rock.
Then he rolled a large stone
against the entrance of the tomb and departed.

(Mt. 27, 59-60)

(ALL KNEEL, BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

All: I will praise you, O Lord,
for you drew me clear
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
/ O Lord, my God, I cried out to you
and you healed me.
/ O Lord, you brought me up from the lower world;
/ you preserved me
from among those going down into the pit.
/ Sing praise to the Lord, you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

/ For his anger lasts but a moment;
his good will is for a lifetime.

/ At nightfall, weeping enters in,
but with dawn comes rejoicing.

(Ps. 29, 2 to 6)

(BRIEF PAUSE FOR SILENCE)

Pr.: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
on the edge of sadness when all seemed lost,
You restored to us the Savior
we thought defeated and conquered.
Help us, we beg You,
so to empty ourselves of self concern
that we might see your hand in every failure
and your victory in every defeat.
These things we ask in the name
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns forever with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

(ALL STAND. LEADERS SWITCH PLACES DURING HYMN)

*Sing: Jesus, Risen, be our lover
In your Food and in our brother.
Lead us home to heaven with You.*

CLOSING

(PAUSE UNTIL the cross bearer and candle bearers have returned to their places. . .)

Pr.: For the intentions of the Holy Father, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Pr.: For all those intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts, (**SIGNIFICANT PAUSE**) let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

All: Our Father . . .

All: Hail Mary . . .

All: Glory Be . . .

Pr.: Lord we have journeyed with you as we follow in your footsteps in the stations of the cross. We pray that as we leave this place you will continue to journey with us, and that we will bring your presence and love to all we meet.

Pr.: May the Lord U bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.