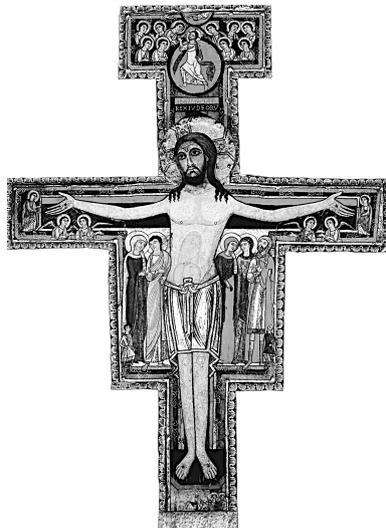


**THE PARISH CHURCH  
OF S. PAUL, DEPTFORD**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



**Please join in with the Bold type**

**Opening Devotions**

*We gather In front of the High Altar.*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father...**

○ Saviour of the world,  
who by your cross and precious blood  
has redeemed the world,  
**save us and help us,  
we humbly beseech you, ○ Lord.**

**BEFORE EACH STATION**

We adore you, ○ Christ, and we bless you:  
**Because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.**

**AT THE END OF EACH STATION**

**Holy God,  
Holy Mighty,  
Holy Immortal,  
Have mercy upon us. (x3)**

**FIRST STATION  
Jesus is condemned to death**

The crowd were urgently demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified.  
And their voices prevailed.  
So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted.  
He released the man, Barabbas, who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

*If they persecute me  
they will also persecute you.  
Blessed are those who suffer persecution  
in the cause of righteousness,  
the kingdom of God is theirs.*

**SECOND STATION  
Jesus takes up his cross**

The soldiers led him away, and when they had flogged and mocked him they led him out to crucify him.

*My Father, if it is possible,  
let this cup pass from me;  
yet not what I want but what you want."*

**THIRD STATION  
Jesus falls for the first time  
under his cross**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases.  
He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; and by his bruises we are healed.

*If any want to become my followers,  
let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me.  
For those who want to save their life will lose it,  
and those who lose their life  
for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,  
will save it.*

**FOURTH STATION**  
**Jesus is met by his blessed Mother**

Simeon said to Mary his Mother,  
“This child is destined for the falling and the rising  
of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be  
opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be  
revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul  
too.”

*Blessed are the sorrowful,  
they shall be consoled.*

**FIFTH STATION**  
**The cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene**

As they were marching out,  
they came upon Simon of Cyrene,  
the father of Alexander and Rufus  
and they made him  
carry the cross behind Jesus.

*Bear one another's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.*

**SIXTH STATION**  
**Veronica wipes the face of Jesus**

He had no form or majesty  
that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance  
that we should desire him.  
He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering  
and acquainted with infirmity,  
and as one from whom others  
hide their faces  
he was despised,  
and we held him of no account.

*Whatsoever you do  
for the least of my sisters and brothers  
you do to me.*

**SEVENTH STATION**  
**Jesus falls for the second time**

In the days of his flesh,  
Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,  
with loud cries and tears.

*Father, forgive them,  
they know not what they do.*

**EIGHTH STATION**  
**Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem**

A great number of the people followed him,  
and among them were women who were beating  
their breasts and wailing for him.  
But Jesus turned to them and said,  
“Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me,  
but weep for yourselves and for your children.  
For the days are surely coming  
when they will say,  
‘Blessed are the barren,  
and the wombs that never bore,  
and the breasts that never nursed.’  
Then they will begin to say to the mountains,  
‘Fall on us’;  
and to the hills,  
‘Cover us.’  
For if they do this when the wood is green,  
what will happen when it is dry?”

*Love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you,  
pray for those who abuse you.  
If anyone strikes you on the cheek,  
offer the other also;  
and from anyone who takes away your coat  
do not withhold even your shirt.  
Give to everyone who begs from you;  
and if anyone takes away your goods,  
do not ask for them again.  
Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

**NINTH STATION**  
**Jesus falls for the third time**

Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example,  
so that you should follow in his steps.  
“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”  
When he was abused, he did not return abuse;  
when he suffered, he did not threaten;  
but he entrusted himself  
to the one who judges justly.  
He himself bore our sins in his body  
on the cross, so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds you have been healed.

*Take up your cross daily and follow me.*

**TENTH STATION**  
**Jesus is stripped of his garments**

The soldiers clothed him in a purple cloak;  
and after twisting some thorns into a crown,  
they put it on him. And they began saluting him,  
“Hail, King of the Jews!”  
They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him,  
and knelt down in homage to him.  
After mocking him,  
they stripped him of the purple cloak  
and put his own clothes on him.  
Then they led him out to crucify him.

*Blessed are the poor,  
the kingdom of God is theirs.  
Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude you, revile you,  
and defame you on account of the Son of Man.  
Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,  
for surely your reward is great in heaven;  
for that is what their ancestors  
did to the prophets.*

**ELEVENTH STATION**  
**Jesus is executed on the cross**

Then they brought Jesus to the place called  
Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).  
And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh;  
but he did not take it.  
And they crucified him,  
and divided his clothes among them,  
casting lots to decide  
what each should take.  
It was nine o'clock in the morning  
when they crucified him.  
The inscription of the charge against him read,  
“The King of the Jews.”  
And with him they crucified two bandits,  
one on his right and one on his left.

*Jesus, remember me,  
when you come into your kingdom.*

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

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple  
whom he loved standing beside her,  
he said to his mother,  
“Woman, here is your son.”  
Then he said to the disciple,  
“Here is your mother.”  
And from that hour the disciple took her  
into his own home.  
After this, when Jesus knew that all was now  
finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture),  
“I am thirsty.”  
A jar full of sour wine was standing there.  
So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch  
of hyssop and held it to his mouth.  
When Jesus had received the wine,  
he said, “It is finished.”  
Then he bowed his head  
and gave up his spirit.

*All kneel in silence for a moment*

*Destroy this temple,  
and in three days I will raise it up.*

**THIRTEENTH STATION**  
**Jesus is taken down from the cross**

There were also women  
looking on from a distance;  
among them were Mary Magdalene,  
and Mary the mother of James the younger  
and of Joses, and Salome.  
These used to follow him  
and provided for him  
when he was in Galilee;  
and there were many other women  
who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

*Blessed are those who mourn  
for they will be comforted*

**FOURTEENTH STATION**  
**Jesus is laid in the tomb**

When it was evening,  
there came a rich man from Arimathea,  
named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus.  
He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus;  
then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.  
So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean  
linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb,  
which he had hewn in the rock.  
He then rolled a great stone to the door of the  
tomb and went away.  
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there,  
sitting opposite the tomb.

*Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will receive mercy.*

**AWAITING THE FIFTEENTH STATION  
OF THE RESURRECTION**

*At the Paschal candle by the Font,  
which is removed from the church at the conclusion of the Stations.*

A reading from the Revelation of S. John the Divine  
(21: 1-7)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the  
first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and  
the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the  
new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from  
God, prepared as a bride adorned for her  
husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne  
saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He  
will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and  
God himself will be with them and be their God; <sup>4</sup>he  
will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be  
no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no  
more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And  
the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I  
am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this,  
for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then  
he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the  
Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I  
will give water as a gift from the spring of the water  
of life. <sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things,  
and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

**CLOSING PRAYERS**

*In front of the Altar*

"God forbid that I should glory,  
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

*Letter of S. Paul to the Galatians 6:14*

O Saviour of the world,  
who by your cross and precious blood  
has redeemed the world,  
**save us and help us,  
we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

*The Prayer of S. Francis of Assisi  
before the Crucifix of San Damiano.*

**Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness of my heart  
and give me true faith,  
certain hope  
and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge, Lord,  
that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command. Amen.**

*A Prayer of S. Richard of Chichester.*

**Thanks be to you,  
O Lord Jesus Christ,  
For all the cruel pains and insults  
you have borne for me;  
for all the many blessings  
you have won for me.  
O holy Jesus, Friend and Brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly. Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
whose sacred Body was laid in the tomb,  
until it should rise again on Easter day,  
bring us all at last to be with you  
in your heavenly kingdom. **Amen.**

**You are most welcome to  
take this Sheet home with you  
and use it for your private devotions.**