

Prayers before the Rood.

Christ for us became obedient unto death:

**Even the death of the cross**

Almighty God, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which Our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen**

The words for the verses for the closing hymn will be available on the screen during the recording.



THE BENEFICE OF  
STAMFORD ST MARY  
AND  
ST MARTIN, STAMFORD



**Stations of the Cross**

Prayers before the Altar:

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

O Jesus, our adorable saviour, behold us prostrate at thy feet, imploring thy mercy for ourselves and the souls of the faithful departed. Vouchsafe to apply to us the infinite mercies of thy passion, on which we are about to meditate.

Grant that, while we trace this path of sighs and tears, our hearts may be so touched with contrition and repentance, that we may be ready to embrace the crosses and sufferings and humiliations of this life and pilgrimage. **Amen**

Our Father, who art in heaven,.....

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

At each Station the designation is announced and followed by:

We adore you O Christ and we bless you

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

Then follow prayers or words of reflection

After each Station:-

O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and Precious Blood has redeemed us:

**Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord**

Lines from Stabat Mater are then sung:-

1. JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

At the Cross her station keeping,  
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus at the last.

2. JESUS ACCEPTS THE CROSS

Through her soul, of joy bereavèd,  
Bowed with anguish, deeply grievèd,  
Now at length the sword hath passed.

3. JESUS FALLS FOR THE FIRST TIME

O, that blessed one, grief-laden,  
Blessed Mother, blessed Maiden  
Mother of the all-holy One

4. JESUS MEETS HIS MOTHER

O that silent, ceaseless mourning,  
O those dim eyes, never turning  
From that wondrous, suffering Son

5. SIMON OF CYRENE IS MADE TO CARRY THE CROSS

Who on Christ's dear Mother gazing,  
In her trouble so amazing,  
Born of woman, would not weep.

6. VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Who on Christ's dear Mother thinking,  
Such a cup of sorrow drinking  
Would not share her sorrow deep

7. JESUS FALLS FOR THE SECOND TIME

For his people's sins, in anguish,  
There she saw the victim languish,  
Bleed in torments, bleed and die:

8. JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Saw the Lord's anointed taken;  
Saw her Child in death forsaken,  
Heard his last expiring cry

9. JESUS FALLS FOR THE THIRD TIME

In the passion of my Maker,  
Be my sinful soul partaker,  
May I bear with her my part

10. JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

Of his passion bear the token,  
In a spirit bowed and broken,  
Bear his death within my heart?

11. JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

May his wounds both wound and heal  
me,  
He enkindle, cleanse, anneal me,  
Be his cross my hope and stay

12. JESUS DIES  
(ALL KNEEL)

May he, when the mountains quiver,  
From that flame which burns for ever  
Shield me on the judgement day

13. JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Jesu, may thy cross defend me,  
And thy saving death befriend me,  
Cherished by thy deathless grace:

14. JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

When to dust my dust returneth,  
Grant a soul that to thee yearneth  
In thy Paradise a place.