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**Lenten Service**  
**for the suffering Church in**  
**Iraq and Syria**

The London Oratory

Stations of the Cross

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## INTRODUCTION

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## OPENING PRAYER

O Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love did you pass over the painful road which led you to death; and I, how often have I abandoned you! But now I love you with my whole soul, and because I love you I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus, pardon me, and permit me to accompany you in this journey. You are going to die for love of me, and it is my wish also, my dearest Redeemer, to die for love of you. My Jesus, in your love I wish to live. In your love I wish to die.

## FIRST STATION

Jesus is condemned to Death

Before each station:

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.*

**Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

After each station:

**I love you Jesus, my love above all things. I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.**

## **SECOND STATION**

Jesus receives the Cross

The Schola sings:

*Adoramus te, Christe, Monteverdi (1567 – 1643)*

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## **THIRD STATION**

Jesus falls for the first time

## **FOURTH STATION**

Jesus is met by his Blessed Mother

The Schola sings:

*O Domine Jesu Christe, Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, I adore you wounded on the cross, having drunk gall and vinegar. I entreat you that your wounds may cure my soul.*

## **FIFTH STATION**

The Cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene

## **SIXTH STATION**

Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

The Schola sings:

*Christus factus est, Felice Anerio (1560-1614)*

*Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on the cross. God raised him high, and gave him the name which is above all other names.*

## **SEVENTH STATION**

Jesus falls for the second time

## **EIGHTH STATION**

The women of Jerusalem mourn for Our Lord

The Schola sings:

*Caligaverunt oculi mei*, Tomas Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

*My eyes have misted over from my weeping: because he is far away from me, he who was comforting me: Look, all ye peoples, if there is any grief like my grief. All ye, who pass by the way, listen and see.*

## **NINTH STATION**

Jesus falls for the third time

## **TENTH STATION**

Jesus is stripped of his garments

The Schola sings:

*O vos omnes*, Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

*O all you people who pass by, behold and see whether there is any sorrow like my sorrow.*

## **ELEVENTH STATION**

Jesus is nailed to the Cross

## **TWELFTH STATION**

Jesus dies on the Cross

The Schola sings:

*Crucifixus*, Antonio Lotti (1667-1740)

*He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death and was buried.*

## **THIRTEENTH STATION**

Jesus is taken down from the Cross

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

The Schola sings:  
*Salvator mundi*, Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*Saviour of the world, save us, you who redeemed us by cross and blood:  
help us, we beg you, our God.*

**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**O** most holy Mother, Queen of sorrows, who followed your beloved Son through all the Way of the Cross, and whose heart was pierced with a fresh sword of grief at all the stations of that most sorrowful journey, obtain for us, we beseech you, O most loving Mother, a perpetual remembrance of our Blessed Saviour's Cross and Death, and a true and tender devotion to all the mysteries of His most holy Passion.

Obtain for us the grace to hate sin, even as He hated it in the agony in the garden; to endure wrong and insult with all patience as He endured them in the judgment hall; to be meek and humble in all our trials as He was before His judges; to love our enemies even as He loved His murderers, and prayed for them upon the Cross; and to glorify God and to do good to our neighbour, even as He did in every mystery of His suffering.

O Queen of Martyrs, who by the Dolours of your Immaculate Heart on Calvary, merited to share the Passion of Our Most Holy Redeemer, obtain for us some portion of your compassion, that for the love of Jesus crucified, we may be crucified to the world in this life, and in the life to come may, by His Infinite merits and your powerful intercession, reign with Him in glory everlasting. Amen.

## FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be to the Father.

### PASSION CHORALE

1. O sacred head, sore wounded,  
Defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
With mocking crown of thorn:  
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendour  
The hosts of heaven adore.

2. In thy most bitter Passion  
My heart to share doth cry,  
With thee for my salvation  
Upon the Cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
To stand thy Cross beneath,  
To mourn thee, well beloved,  
Yet thank thee for thy death.

3. My days are few, O fail not,  
With thine immortal power,  
To hold me that I quail not  
In death's most fearful hour:  
That I may fight befriended,  
And see in my last strife  
To me thine arms extended  
Upon the Cross of life.

