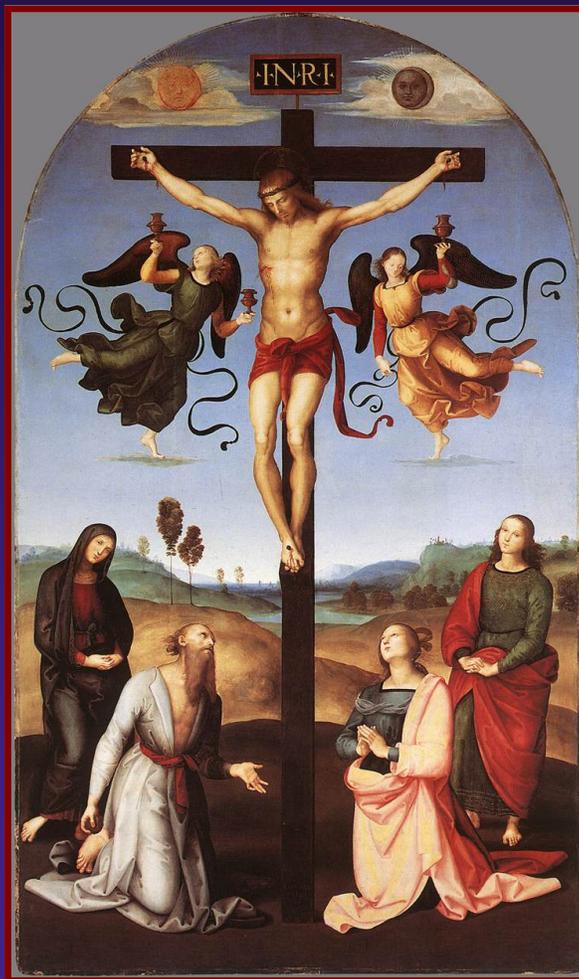


# *Stations of the Cross*

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# The Way of the Cross

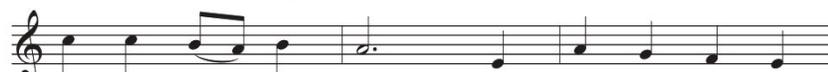
## Processional: O Sacred Head, Surrounded

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1. O Sa - cred Head, sur - round - ed By  
2. I see thy strength and vig - or All  
3. In this, thy bit - ter pas - sion, Good



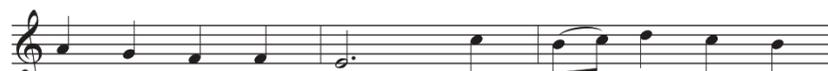
1. crown of pierc - ing thorn! O bleed - ing Head, so  
2. fad - ing in the strife, And death with cru - el  
3. Shep - herd, think of me With thy most sweet com -



1. wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!  
2. rig - or, Be - reav - ing thee of life;  
3. pas - sion, Un - wor - thy though I be:



1. Death's pal - lid hue comes o'er thee, The  
2. O ag - o - ny and dy - ing! O  
3. Be - neath thy cross a - bid - ing For -



1. glow of life de - cays, Yet an - gel hosts a -  
2. love to sin - ners free! Je - sus, all grace sup -  
3. ev - er would I rest, In thy dear love con -



1. dore thee, And trem - ble as they gaze.  
2. ply - ing, O turn thy face on me.  
3. fid - ing, And with thy pres - ence blest.

Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676  
Tr. composite

Hans L. Hassler, 1564-1612

For Spanish version, see "Oh Rostro Ensangrentado," #696.



## **Preparatory Prayer**

*(prayed by all)*

My Lord, Jesus Christ,  
You have made this journey to die for me  
with unspeakable love;  
and I have so many times  
ungratefully abandoned You.

But now I love You with all my heart;  
and because I love You, I am sincerely sorry  
for ever having offended You.

Pardon me, My God,  
and permit me to accompany You on this journey.

You go to die for the love of me;  
I want, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of You.  
My Jesus, I will live and die always united to You.

*The procession moves from the Sanctuary  
to the first station as the choir sings:*

At the cross her station keeping,  
stood the mournful mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus to the last.

**Priest:** The first station, Jesus is condemned to  
Death

*The choir will sing Adoramus Te Christe (Theodore Dubois)  
while all kneel in silence.*

We adore Thee, O Christ,  
and we bless Thee,  
who by Thy Holy Cross  
hast redeemed the world.

**Adoramus te, Christe,  
et benedicimus tibi,  
quia per sanctam crucem  
tuam redemisti mundum.**

### **First Station: Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die**

**Priest:** Consider how Jesus Christ, after being scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross (kneel).

**People:** My adorable Jesus, it was not Pilate; no, it was my sins that condemned You to die. I beseech You, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, to assist my soul on its journey to eternity. I love You, my beloved Jesus; I love you more than I love myself. With all my heart I repent of ever having offended You. Never let me be separated from You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**

Through her heart, His sorrow sharing,  
all His bitter anguish bearing.  
Now at length the sword has passed.

## **Second Station: Jesus Accepts His Cross**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how Jesus, as He walked this road  
with the cross on His shoulders, thinking of us, and of-  
fering to His Father, on our behalf, the death He was  
about to suffer. (Kneel)

**People:** My most beloved Jesus, I embrace all the  
sufferings You have destined for me until death. I beg  
You, by all You suffered in carrying Your cross, to help  
me carry mine with Your perfect peace and resignation.  
I love You, Jesus, my love; I repent of ever having of-  
fended You. Never let me separate myself from You  
again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do  
with me as You will.

### **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
O, how sad and sore distressed  
Was that Mother highly blessed  
Of the sole Begotten One.

### **Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider the first fall of Jesus. Loss of blood from the scourging and crowning with thorns had so weakened Him that He could hardly walk; and yet He had to carry that great load upon His shoulders. As the soldiers struck Him cruelly, He fell several times under the heavy cross. (Kneel)

**People:** My most beloved Jesus, it was not the weight of the cross but the weight of my sins which made You suffer so much. By the merits of this first fall, save me from falling into mortal sin. I love You, O my Jesus, with all my heart; I am sorry that I offended You. May I never offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

### **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
Christ above in torment hangs  
She beneath beholds the pangs  
Of her dying, glorious Son.

**Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how the Son met His mother on  
His way to Calvary. Jesus and Mary gazed at each other  
and their looks became as so many arrows to wound  
those hearts which loved each other so tenderly. (Kneel)

**People:** My most loving Jesus, by the pain You suf-  
fered in this meeting grant me the grace of being truly  
devoted to Your most holy Mother. And you, my Queen,  
who was overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me by  
your prayers a tender and a lasting remembrance of the  
passion of your divine Son. I love You, Jesus, my Love,  
above all things. I repent of ever having offended You.  
Never allow me to offend You again. Grant that I may  
love You always; and then do with me as You will.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
Is there one who would not weep,  
'whelmed in miseries so deep  
Christ's dear Mother to behold.

### **Fifth Station: Simon Helps Carry the Cross**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how weak and weary Jesus was. At  
each step He was at the point of expiring. Fearing that  
He would die on the way when they wished Him to die  
the infamous death of the cross, they forced Simon of  
Cyrene to help carry the cross after Our Lord. (Kneel)

**People:** My beloved Jesus, I will not refuse the cross  
as Simon did: I accept and embrace it. I accept in par-  
ticular the death that is destined for me with all the  
pains that may accompany it. I unite it to Your death  
and I offer it to You. You have died for the love of me; I  
will die for love of You and to please You. Help me by  
Your grace. I love You, Jesus, my Love; I repent of ever  
having offended You. Never let me offend You again.  
Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me  
as You will.

### **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
Can the human heart refrain  
From partaking in her pain  
In that Mother's pain untold?

**Sixth Station: Veronica Offers Her Veil to Jesus**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider the compassion of the holy woman,  
Veronica. Seeing Jesus in such distress, His face bathed  
in sweat and blood, she presented Him with her veil. Je-  
sus wiped His face, and left upon the cloth the image of  
His sacred countenance. (Kneel)

**People:** My beloved Jesus, Your face was beautiful  
before You began this journey; but, now, it no longer ap-  
pears beautiful and is disfigured with wounds and blood.  
Alas, my soul also was once beautiful when it received  
Your grace in Baptism; but I have since then disfigured  
it with my sins. You alone, my Redeemer, can restore it  
to its former beauty. Do this by the merits of Your pas-  
sion; and then do with me as You will.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled  
She beheld her tender Child,  
All with bloody scourges rent.

### **Seventh Station: Jesus Falls the Second Time**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how the second fall of Jesus under  
His cross renews the pain in all the wounds of the head  
and members of our afflicted Lord. (Kneel)

**People:** My most gently Jesus, how many times You  
have forgiven me; and how many times I have fallen  
again and begun again to offend You! By the merits of  
this second fall, give me the grace to persevere in Your  
love until death. Grant, that in all my temptations, I  
may always have recourse to You. I love You, Jesus, my  
Love, with all my heart; I am sorry that I have offended  
You. Never let me offend You again. Grant that I may  
love You always; and then do with me as You will.

### **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**

For the sins of His own nation  
Saw Him hang in desolation  
Till His spirit forth He sent.

### **Eighth Station: Jesus Speaks to the Women**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how the women wept with compas-  
sion seeing Jesus so distressed and dripping with blood  
as He walked along. Jesus said to them, “Weep not so  
much for me, but rather for your children. (Kneel)

**People:** My Jesus, laden with sorrows, I weep for the  
sins which I have committed against You because of the  
punishment I deserve for them; and, still more, because  
of the displeasure they have caused You who have loved  
me with an infinite love. It is Your love, more than the  
fear of hell, which makes me weep for my sins. My Je-  
sus, I love You more than myself; I am sorry that I have  
offended You. Never allow me to offend You again.  
Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me  
as You will.

### **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**

O sweet Mother! Fount of Love,  
Touch my spirit from above  
Make my heart with yours accord.

### **Ninth Station: Jesus Falls the Third Time**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how Jesus Christ fell for the third  
time. He was extremely weak and the cruelty of His execu-  
tioners was excessive; they tried to hasten His steps  
though He hardly had strength to move. (Kneel)

**People:** My outraged Jesus, by the weakness You suf-  
fered in going to Calvary, give me enough strength to  
overcome all human respect and all my evil passions  
which have led me to despise Your friendship. I love  
You, Jesus my Love, with all my heart; I am sorry for  
ever having offended You. Never permit me to offend  
You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then  
do with me as You will.

### **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**

Make me feel as You have felt  
Make my soul to glow and melt  
With the love of Christ, my Lord.

### **Tenth Station: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how Jesus was violently stripped of His clothes by His executioners. The inner garments adhered to His lacerated flesh and the soldiers tore them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Have pity for your Savior so cruelly treated and tell Him (Kneel)

**People:** My innocent Jesus, by the torment You suffered in being stripped of Your garments, help me to strip myself of all attachment for the things of earth that I may place all my love in You who are so worthy of my love. I love You, O Jesus, with all my heart. I am sorry for ever having offended You. Never let me offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me as You will.

### **Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**

Holy Mother, pierce me through  
In my heart each wound renew  
Of my Savior crucified.

**Eleventh Station: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider Jesus, thrown down upon the  
cross. He stretched out His arms and offered to His  
eternal Father the sacrifice of His life for our salvation.  
They nailed His hands and feet, and then, raising the  
cross, left Him to die in anguish. (Kneel)

**People:** My despised Jesus, nail my heart to the cross  
that it may always remain there to love You and never  
leave You again. I love You more than myself; I am  
sorry for ever having offended You. Never permit me to  
offend You again. Grant that I may love You always; and  
then do with me as You will.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
Let me share with you His pain  
Who for all our sins was slain  
Who for me in torments died.

## **Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies Upon the Cross**

*All kneel in silence after the station is announced. While all remain kneeling in prayer and silence, the choir will sing:*

### **O Vos Omnes by Tomás Luis de Victoria**

O all ye that pass by the way,  
attend and see,  
If there be any sorrow  
like to my sorrow.  
Attend, all ye people,  
and see my sorrow:  
If there be any sorrow  
like to my sorrow.

**O vos omnes qui transitis per viam,  
attendite et videte:  
Si est dolor similis  
sicut dolor meus.  
Attendite, universi populi,  
et videte dolorem meum.  
Si est dolor similis  
sicut dolor meus.**

**Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies Upon the Cross**

*(continued)*

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how your Jesus, after three hours  
of agony on the cross, is finally overwhelmed with suf-  
fering and, abandoning Himself to the weight of His  
body, bows His head and dies. (Kneel)

**People:** My dying Jesus, I devoutly kiss the cross on  
which You would die for love of me. I deserve, because  
of my sins, to die a terrible death; but Your death is my  
hope. By the merits of Your death, give me the grace to  
die embracing Your feet and burning with love of You. I  
yield my soul into Your hands. I love You with my whole  
heart. I am sorry that I have offended You. Never let  
me offend You again. Grant that I may love You always;  
and then do with me as You will.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
Let me mingle tears with thee  
Mourning Him who mourned for me  
All the days that I may live.

**Thirteenth Station:**  
**Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how after Our Lord had died, He  
was taken down from the cross by two of His disciples,  
Joseph and Nicodemus, and placed in the arms of His  
afflicted Mother. She received Him with unutterable  
tenderness and pressed Him close to her bosom. (Kneel)

**People:** O Mother of Sorrows, for the love of your  
Son, accept me as your servant and pray to Him for me.  
And You, my Redeemer, since you have died for me, al-  
low me to love You, for I desire only You and nothing  
more. I love You, Jesus my Love, and I am sorry that I  
have offended You. Never let me offend You again.  
Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me  
as You will.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves to the next station, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
By the cross with you to stay  
There with you to weep and pray  
Is all I ask of you to give.

**Fourteenth Station: Jesus is Placed in the Sepulcher**

**Priest:** We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.  
(Genuflect)

**People:** Because, by Your holy cross, You have  
redeemed the world. (Rise)

**Priest:** Consider how the disciples carried the body  
of Jesus to its burial, while His holy Mother went with  
them and arranged it in the sepulcher with her own  
hands. They then closed the tomb and all departed.  
(Kneel)

**People:** Oh, my buried Jesus, I kiss the stone that  
closes You in. But You gloriously did rise again on the  
third day. I beg You by Your Resurrection that I may be  
raised gloriously on the last day, to be united with You  
in heaven, to praise You and love You forever. I love  
you, Jesus, and I repent of ever having offended You.  
Grant that I may love You always; and then do with me  
as You will.

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.**

*As the procession moves back to the Sanctuary, the choir sings:*

**Choir:**  
Virgin of all virgins blest!  
Listen to my fond request:  
Let me share your grief divine.

*Once in the Sanctuary, Father and servers kneel while Father prays the following prayer:*

**Prayer to Jesus Christ Crucified**

My good and dear Jesus, I kneel before you,  
Asking you most earnestly  
To engrave upon my heart  
A deep and lively faith, hope and charity,  
With true repentance for my sins,  
And a firm resolve to make amends.  
As I reflect upon your five wounds,  
And dwell upon them  
With deep compassion and grief,  
I recall, good Jesus,  
The words the Prophet David spoke  
Long ago concerning yourself:  
“They pierced My hands and My feet;  
They have numbered all My bones.”

*Exposition and Benediction  
of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
will follow.*

## EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

### EXPOSITION

O salutáris Hóstia  
quæ cæli pandis óstium,  
bella premunt hostília:  
da robur fer auxiliúm.

Uni trinóque Dómino  
sit sempitérna glória,  
qui vitam sine término  
nobis donet in pátria. Amen.

O saving Victim, open wide  
the gate of heav'n to man below;  
our foes press on from every side;  
thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend  
for evermore, blest One in Three;  
O grant us life that shall not end  
in our true native land with thee. Amen.

### ADORATION

Silence is to be observed as the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Scripture readings, songs, prayers, and a homily may also be included at this time.

### BENEDICTION

Tantum ergo Sacraméntum  
Venerémur cernui  
Et antiquum documéntum  
novo cedat rítui  
Præstet fides suppleméntum  
Sénsuum deféctui.

Genitóri, Genitóque,  
Laus et iubilátio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedíctio  
Procedénti ab utróque  
Compar sit laudátio. Amen.

∇ Panem de caelo præstitisti eis.  
(T.P. Allelúia)

℟ Omne delectaméntum in se habéntem.  
(T.P. Allelúia)

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! oe'r ancient forms departing  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying,  
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son Who reigns on high  
With the Holy Spirit proceeding  
Forth from each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor blessing,  
Might and endless majesty. Amen.

∇ You have given them Bread from  
heaven. (E.T. Alleluia)

℟ Having within it all Sweetness.  
(E.T. Alleluia)

### PRAYER

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ℟ Amen.

### THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.  
Blessed be His Holy Name.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God  
and true man.  
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.  
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.  
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy  
Sacrament of the Altar.  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit,  
the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God,  
Mary most Holy.  
Blessed be her Holy and  
Immaculate Conception.  
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  
Blessed be the name of Mary,  
Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most  
chaste Spouse.  
Blessed be God in His Angels and  
in His Saints.

## Adoremus in Aeternum 407

### ANTIPHON



Ad-o-ré-mus in ae-tér-num sanc-tís-si-mum Sa-cra-mén-tum.

### VERSES



Lau-dá-te Dó-mi-num om-nes gen-tes: lau-dá-te e-um om-nes pó-pu-li.



Quó-ni-am con-fir-má-ta est su-per nos mi-se-re-cór-di-a e-jus:



*To Antiphon*  
et vé-ri-tas Dó-mi-ni ma-net in ae-tér-num.



Gló-ri-a Pa-tri et Fí-li-o, et Spi-rí-tu-i Sanc-to.



Sí-cut e-rat in prin-cí-pi-o, et nunc, et sem-per:



*To Antiphon*  
et in saé-cu-la sae-cu-ló-rum. A-men.

Let us worship forever the most holy Sacrament.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

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

Chant, Mode V