

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St Michael and All Angels 2026

Celebrant: Fr Jordan Greatbatch

Organist: Daniel Cooper

Introit: Choir Antiphon:

David Ogden

Holy God, Holy and strong. Holy and immortal. Have mercy on us.

*At each Station: the versicle & response, then a Scripture reading, and the Collect.
Please sit for the collects and Motets, standing for each station.*

V. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; (*genuflect or bow*)

R. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.** (*rise*)

Before the Altar: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Collect:

Jesus our Saviour, we stand before you asking your mercy for ourselves, for all the Church, living and departed, and for all this broken world you love so much. As we follow you on the way of the cross and consider your sufferings, give us also the new life it brings. Give us the spirit of true repentance, and help us to receive with trust and patience all the crosses which come in our own pilgrimage, knowing that we are following in the way where you have gone. **Amen.**

O Lord, open thou our lips:

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Glory be to the Father....

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

Hymn: Vexilla Regis Mode I NEH 79 vv 1, 2 (*choir and congregation*)

The First Station: Jesus is condemned to death.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir: To mock your reign

Thomas Tallis

The Second Station: Jesus takes up his cross.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption; give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Choir: Antiphon

David Ogden

The Third Station: Jesus falls the first time.

Collect: O God, you know us to be set in the midst of some many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir: Ecce quomodo Jacob Handl

The Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother.

Collect: O God, who willed that in the passion of his Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Choir: Stabat Mater Plainsong

The Fifth Station: The cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene.

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Choir: Peccantem me quotidie Christobel Morales

The Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Collect: O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All: Vexilla Regis NEH 79 Verses 3, 4, 5

The Seventh Station: Jesus falls a second time.

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Choir: Antiphon David Ogden

The Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.

Collect: Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir: Adoramus te

Orlando de Lassus

The Ninth Station: Jesus falls a third time.

Collect: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Choir: Christus factus est

Felice Anerio

The Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments.

Collect: Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choir: O vos omnes

Giovanni Croce

The Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: so clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your name. **Amen.**

Choir: Were you there? American Spiritual melody

arr. Westbrook

The Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the cross.

Collect: O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection, who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Choir: Agnus Dei

Thomas Morley

The Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Collect: Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness, for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

Choir: Drop, drop slow tears

Orlando Gibbons

The Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Collect: O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All: Vexilla Regis NEH 79 vv 6 & 7

Closing Prayers:

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Collect: Almighty God, look graciously, we pray, on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
Our Father... Hail Mary... The Grace...

Epilogue: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross NEH 95