
Second Scheme (Meditation on the passion according to Luke)

HYMN

GREETING

C In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A Amen.

C Christ, who goes ahead of us on the way to Calvary, be with you.

A And also with you.

C Brothers, let us meditate on the fulfillment of the Scriptures in the events of the condemnation and death of the Son of Man. Let us listen to the testimony of the apostles and share their dismay. We shall go up to Calvary, together with Jesus, to have an experience of failure and death and to have a foretaste with him of the joy of true life. United with him, let us pray and contemplate.

Prologue:

THE DISCIPLES ARE ON THE JOURNEY WITH JESUS

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

A Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

R Lk. 9,51-56; 18,31-34.

C Christ has given his life for us.

A Let us also give our life for our brothers.

C Lord Jesus, your journey to Calvary is an invitation to us to follow you. It is a difficult invitation to understand and we often forget it or leave it aside. Lord, send us your Spirit so that he may help us to reflect on your journey to Calvary and to understand it clearly, so that we may be able to live it, through the choices of each day, through the events of daily life.

A Amen.

First Station: JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM AS THE MESSIAH OF PEACE

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

A Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

R Lk. 19,37-38.41-44.47.

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C Lord Jesus, just as the disciples in the gospels, we too want always to recognise you as the King of peace and justice. You know, however, that often we invoke you only with our lips and we fail to recognize you in our daily life. Send us your Spirit, O Lord, so that we may never reject you. Help us, Lord Jesus, to be faithful to you. You are the eternal God, the Word of the Father, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

A Amen.

Ninth Station: JESUS ON THE ROAD TO CALVARY

- C** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
A **Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**
- R** Lk. 23,26-31.
- C** Christ has given his life for us.
A **Let us also give our life for our brothers.**
- C** Lord Jesus, we accept your invitation and we ask you for pardon. The world does not yet recognize you as the Saviour. We are also responsible for this, for we are not fully committed in our witnessing to you and in sharing our faith with others. You, Lord of mercy, pardon us.
A **Amen.**

Tenth Station: JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

- C** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
A **Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**
- R** Lk. 23,33-38.
- C** Christ has given his life for us.
A **Let us also give our life for our brothers.**
- C** Lord Jesus, your teaching is demanding and it is difficult for us to love our enemies. Without you, we can do nothing. May your cross be for us the model of love and strength to overcome all our intemperance and facile discouragement.

ment. You are life beyond death and the covenant against sin.

A **Amen.**

Eleventh Station: JESUS WELCOMES THE PENITENT THIEF

- C** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
A **Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**
- R** Lk. 23,39-43.
- C** Christ has given his life for us.
A **Let us also give our life for our brothers.**
- C** Lord Jesus, we, sinners, also ask you for help and pardon. After being in the shadow of pain and death, you rose and ascended to heaven, and are now with the Father in your Kingdom. Do not forget your servants who have placed their hope in you so that, on the glorious day of the resurrection, all the redeemed may contemplate your face with joy. You are mercy and pardon.
A **Amen.**

Twelfth Station: JESUS DIES

- C** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
A **Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**
- R** Lk. 23,44-49.

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A **Let us also give our life for our brothers.**

C Lord Jesus, you gave up your spirit to the Father, in fulfillment of the Scriptures. A cry of suffering covered your face, and grief for the sin of mankind wrapped in pain the loneliness of death. Lost in sin, we too stray in silence and gloom. Help us to hope beyond all failure. You are the God of salvation, who died for us.

A **Amen.**

Thirteenth Station: JESUS IS BURIED

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

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

R Lk. 23,50-53.

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A **Let us also give our life for our brothers.**

C Lord Jesus, with deep respect, some of those who were with you have placed your body in a new sepulchre. But that temple which was so cruelly destroyed was not destined for corruption and the tomb would for ever be empty. You are the hope and guarantee of our resurrection.

A **Amen.**

Fourteenth Station: JESUS IS RISEN AS HE HAD FORETOLD

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

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

R Lk. 24,1-7.

C Christ has given his life for us.

A **Let us also give our life for our brothers.**

C Lord Jesus, darkness will not obscure your name. What was impossible for man becomes possible for God, and a song of victory will rise up from Jerusalem at the dawn of the new day. The Lord is risen indeed, and he will manifest himself to everyone who seeks him with a sincere heart. O Lord, remain with us always.

A **Amen.**

CONCLUSION: *cf. First Scheme, p.158.*

'Stabat Mater' in Latin (p.978), or in English (p.980) could be sung during the Way of the Cross.

3.3. CELEBRATIONS OF MEDITATION ON THE PASSION

The journey of mankind is beset by sin and sufferings. Thorns and tribulations pierce and wound man, who invokes the help of the Omnipotent. Let us pray, with our gaze fixed on the cross and attentive to the cry of grief which rises from mankind.

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