

# Stations of the Cross for Our Time

## AN INTRODUCTION:

We gather on this day as Christians united in prayer. In the midst of our busy lives we pause to pray as we reflect on the suffering journey of Christ.

As we accompany Jesus on his journey to Calvary, let us take a moment to remember how difficult that journey was. He carried his cross through the narrow-crowded streets of Jerusalem. It was Passover time and so the city was full of people, many of whom mocked, jostled and took pleasure in watching as Jesus struggled with his heavy burden. The way was often steep. The journey that Jesus made on that day remains a symbol of Christianity in the world, as it struggles with its own crosses and failures, and the challenges of modern life.



The streets of our towns are filled with people who carry their personal crosses, who are bruised, battered and broken. Through these Stations of the Cross, Jesus is inviting us to journey with him and to reflect on his suffering as it continues in the lives of his people. In solidarity with all who suffer, let us pray that we will be open to whatever he wants us to see, hear and understand.

# 1: Jesus is Condemned to Die

Christ Church Cathedral front lawn

**All:**

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

**Todos:**

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

**We Remember the Cross of Jesus:**

Jesus was captured at night, Jesus taken away by soldiers, stripped of his garments, interrogated, tortured, crowned with sharp thorns and handed over to be condemned to death by Pontius Pilate – death on a cross.

**We Name the crosses of Today:**

Jesus is condemned unjustly by those who did not understand him and by those who were frightened of what he did and said. People tell us they do not come into Springfield because they fear the city. Sometimes it seems like the city and its residents are being condemned unjustly. What is the measure we use to judge? What is the basis for deciding which places are safe and good to live, and which are not?

Massachusetts is the 3<sup>rd</sup> richest state in this country. Of the 351 cities/towns in MA Springfield is ranked 350<sup>th</sup>, second to last, in terms of per capita income. Is this our measure to judge? Where would Jesus be if he were here today? Where would his church be, and his movement take place? The per capita income for MA is \$77,385. Yet look at the difference in the five poorest cities. 3 of them are in Western MA: Holyoke... \$19,968; Amherst...\$19,796, Springfield...\$18,133]

Massachusetts is the best educated state by a significant margin. Some 43.4 percent of adults in the state have at least a bachelor's degree. Adults with at least a bachelor's degree tend to be qualified for a wider range of careers — many of which pay higher salaries. Those with higher incomes and more disposable income can afford to plan for the future and provide a safety net for the future. As we travel around Springfield let us see with our hearts those not seen by most.

**We Pray:** Jesus, what a terrible injustice to see you condemned to death. Your own people, the Roman judges and the soldiers didn't recognize that you were the Son of God. Give us the grace to see, respect and love you in all people, rich and poor, regardless of culture, background or estate. Change our hearts that we may see with new eyes those we might otherwise condemn and bridge the gap between us.

**Response:**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*



## 2: Jesus Takes Up His Cross

Lot Across from FOH

**All:**

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

**Todos:**

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

**We Remember the Cross of Jesus:**

Jesus was led away carrying the Cross by himself. A cross is not just a piece of wood, it is everything that makes life difficult. Jesus carried the crosses of his life without complaint, as a poor person and as an itinerant prophet. In a calm and courageous way, he put up with the threats of the Pharisees and the lack of understanding from his own disciples. In the way that he carried all the burdens of his life but, in particular, the way in which he carries this awful, final burden, he transforms the cross from a symbol of condemnation into one of liberation.



**We name the crosses of today:**

Behind every statistic is a real person facing genuine challenges. In addition to economic strains, poverty affects feelings of worth and mutes the voices of the poor.

The truths we find here at one of the homeless shelters, helps us to see and be with people in need. Here we can listen to truths of life and death in those fighting for survival and warmth. When we take the time to listen, we hear the stories of burdens, illness, pain, challenges of disability and old age, dependence and fear. And they tell also of the tremendous joys from grace, love and divine inspiration. There are moments when the cross, as it brings together the human and divine, becomes suddenly visible. The invitation of Jesus on the cross is to hand all our burdens to him so that he can change them into something redeemed and powerful and true.

**We Pray:**

May we see your presence Lord in all the burdens we carry today. Help us to share our burdens more freely, not to be afraid to acknowledge our fears and our pain. May we be more aware of the crosses that others bear and take time to alleviate their burden. And may your face shine on each one of us through the crosses we bear, and may your hands work to find within them the truth of love.

**Response:**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### 3: Jesus Falls for the First Time Bus Station

**All:**

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

**Todos:**

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

**We Remember the Cross of Jesus:**

Here Jesus shows us that being heroic does not mean staying on one's feet at all costs. Being heroic means getting up again after falling and starting off on the road that has been chosen. Human beings will never resign themselves to stay flat on the ground. Like Jesus, they will get up again, pick up their crosses and keep on searching for a promised land of total liberation.



**We Name the Crosses of Today:**

Look at Jesus fall under his cross. He might have fallen into the gutter trying to find comfort on a bench or be slouched into a doorway on an abandoned street in our city's empty, boarded up blocks. He doesn't look much like God there, but he didn't look like God when he fell into the dirt on the way to Calvary either. The crowds look on with disdain at this man whom they see as a sinner, who has been condemned to death by the authorities.

Here we pray for those who sleep outside and come inside to use this bus station space for warmth, and to pass the time. We give thanks for the inside of buildings, especially in the winter months, for their hospitality, which is often so much greater than that even of a church. We thank you for the warmth contained here and in other places such as the library and pray for all who come in the terminal doors.

**We Pray:**

Jesus, it's easy to see your image in saints. Help us to see you in the rest of us too. You had a place in your heart for all, including those who crucified you. Give us this same compassionate heart.

**Response:**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

**Respuesta:**

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*

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## Jesus Meets his Mother

Entrance to Springfield Yacht Club

**All:**

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

**Todos:**

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*



**We Remember the Cross of Jesus:**

When Jesus and his mother meet they look at each other without speaking, for words cannot express how they feel. What he saw in his mother's eyes must have hurt Jesus more than the pain of his wounds. This is the most painful time of all. This is his bereavement.

**We Name the Crosses of Today:**

Jesus carries the heavy burden of the loss of his family; the surrendering of the earthly, loving relationship between mother and child. This was not of his making, the violence inflicted upon him. It was etched into the very heart of his mother, as she watched the agony of her son. In this place we look at the disparity between the wealthy and those in need. We pray for those children living without parents and parents living without their children. We remember how different education can be for different children. Some learn to maneuver a rudder while others must maneuver violent streets.

We see the pain of mothers and fathers whose children are killed in schools, killed on the streets, killed in cars and who die of accidents and other natural causes. Every loss of a child is too great for a parent to carry, especially when the loss could have been prevented. We pray for all the schools in our city, for their pupils and all those who work with them, whose work is never ended. We pray for strength, health and wellbeing to be sent to the lives of the young, and we pray for the protection of God to be around them. We know that God is present with us.

**We Pray:**

Jesus, we remember the gaze that rested between you and your mother. In that moment of pain there was also a moment of deep and enduring love. For ourselves as children and parents, we pray that we may know the love, commitment, and gentleness of Mary and of her son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in all relationships; that we, like Mary, may treasure all these things in our hearts. Jesus, give us the courage to bring that love into the deepest recesses of our homes, to our children and to our spouses, to those places of fracture and disharmony in our circle of relationships.

**Response:**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

# 5: Simon Helps Jesus

## North End Bridge

### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

Simon the Cyrene, a stranger in the city, did not know Jesus. But that did not matter. What matters here is that in this moment of need, Simon was capable of lending his shoulders to one whose own shoulders had given out, of offering his strength to one who had nothing left, of taking on himself the cross which Jesus could no longer carry.

### We Name Crosses of Today:

We share our burdens with our partners who are united to us by faith, history and creed. We give thanks for the work of our ecumenical partners, those at South Congregational Church, those churches who offer sanctuary, and all who worship God by whatever name He is called. We pray for the Spiritual leaders Bishops James Hazelwood, Mitchell Rozanski Doug Fisher, Michael Curry and Pope Francis. Across our world we see suffering in the faces of strangers, especially in the faces of those struggling. May we come together to work together across all denominational lines for the poor, refugees, victims of war, the hungry, the marginalized, and the abused. We ask for prayers for those who live under this and all bridges. We pray for the protection of our planet. May we be the change together that unites the body of Christ. May we know him in each other's ministries.

### We Pray:

Lord, help us to grasp our opportunities to be a Simon in our world. In those times when we can help, let us have the generosity to do so. May we continue the spirit of Simon, through our support of agencies such as Open Pantry, Ascentria Care Alliance, Catholic Charities, and the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph. May we work with all who work to alleviate suffering in our world. May we struggle together for the removal of all barriers of resentment and prejudice between people. Lord, may we have the humility to accept all the Simons along our road who reach out to help us in our moments of need.

### Response:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### Respuesta:

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*



## 6: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Big E parking lot to viaduct

### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by you Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

Veronica was so moved by the sight of Jesus suffering that she courageously moved out from the crowd to wipe the blood and sweat from his face with a towel. She was rewarded when the image of his face was transferred to the towel. It is a suffering face, disfigured with wounds. Yet this is the only image of himself that Jesus chose to leave.



### We Name Crosses of Today:

UNICEF reports that the simple practice of washing your hands can reduce preventable (and in many cases, deadly) diseases by 40%. The behavior is the most effective and affordable hygiene practice that a community can undertake. But those experiencing extreme poverty often lack this knowledge and clean water to effectively practice handwashing. We imagine how difficult it is to stay clean while living in this place.

Today the visible face of Christ stands before us wounded and incarcerated. The United States criminal justice system holds nearly 2.3 million people in 1,719 state prisons; 109 federal prisons; 1,772 juvenile correctional facilities; 3,163 local jails and 80 Indian Country jails. There are also military prisons; immigration detention facilities; civil commitment centers; and state psychiatric hospitals and prisons in the U.S. territories. African Americans are incarcerated at more than 5 times the rate of whites. African Americans and whites use drugs at similar rates, but the imprisonment rate of African Americans for drug charges is almost 6 times that of whites. Spending on prisons and jails has increased at triple the rate of spending on Pre-K-12 public education in the last thirty years. There are more than 540,000 people not yet tried for whom no money is available for bail. They languish in prison for months and years waiting for trial. There is real and difficult challenge facing our country today, the challenge of mass incarceration.

### We Pray:

Jesus, give your wounded body the courage of Veronica so that we may wash the face of Christ clean from the disfigurements of our sin. Wash our eyes and open them to the injury the penal system causes, how families are torn apart and lives ruined by the current system in place. We pray for ourselves that we may be forgiving and merciful. We pray for those incarcerated. We pray for victims of crime, and for those hurt by criminals. We pray for an end to the injustice of this system, and a transformation from the world of condemnation into the possibility of restorative justice.

# 7: Jesus Falls for the Second Time

## Intersection Upper & Lower Paths

### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

Stretched to breaking point by his awful scourging, bowed under the weight of the cross, worn out by the abandonment of all his friends, Jesus stumbles again.



### We Name Crosses of Today:

It is here that people come to seek shelter and safety. All around us people are overburdened by the crosses they carry; they struggle and sometimes fall. Help us as a community to be here, in the crossroad, at the side of those who struggle, to work to lift their burdens and carry the weight together, through our outreach ministries, especially Big Blue and through our care and support for each other, and through our proclamation and worship of you. Keep us with those on the margins and give us the opportunity to continue this work, in your holy name.

### We Pray:

Jesus, from deep within yourself, you found the courage and strength to get up once again and continue the journey. We pray for our church's journey to be a place to gather, transform and send. We pray for all the needs of the community, for our members, those who are new, those who are active, and those who have drifted away. We pray for our leaders: the Executive Committee, members and leaders of the more than 20 vital ministries; clergy, musicians, support staff and all who attend. We pray for those who will come to know us this year and ask that we continually have the strength to move forward and carry on. In your name. Amen.

### Response:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### Respuesta:

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*

# 8: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

## Upper Path

### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

The women of Jerusalem wept when they saw how Jesus suffered. Jesus recognized their distress and he broke his silence for the first time, saying to them: 'Daughters of Jerusalem do not weep for me. Weep for yourselves and for your children'.



### We Name Crosses of Today:

Here on the upper path, a place used by many as a bike and walking path we remember those who camp on the banks of the river. We especially remember those who nearly froze and had signs of frostbite this winter. We pray for safe housing for all, environmental justice, criminal justice, and stopping the hate and homophobia in our community. We remember today all those who weep because of the injustice of the world. We weep for children who are abused, women and men who are victimized and those who watch family, friends, or loved ones suffer indignities. We weep for those who suffer with self-esteem issues, those struggling financially, those who are forgotten, those who are starving, experiencing homelessness, living in exile and seeking refuge. We weep for those living in fear of gun violence. We weep for the powerless, the weak, the disposed. And we weep for ourselves and our own sins. Empower us for good and help us not just to weep but to act.

### We Pray:

Lord, open our hearts to the suffering of all people in our world. Give us the generosity of spirit to help us recognize their pain, the courage to challenge the systems that place intolerable burdens on them and the compassion to support them.

### Response:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### Respuesta:

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*

# 9: Jesus Falls for a Third Time

## Intersection Upper & Lower Paths

### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

Jesus falls for a third time, broken and exhausted physically and emotionally. Lying on the ground, Jesus must decide – does he get up once more, or does he just stop and give up? We see him rise again, and with all his power continue on his journey. Jesus shows us that we can go on, even if nobody else thinks it is possible. Even if we doubt it ourselves.



### We Name Crosses of Today:

We remember at this intersection the many people, crushed by the weight of their cross, feel unable to get up and unable to go on, to move in any direction apart from that which leads to their destruction. In Jesus we find our hope and our encouragement, knowing that in his own moment of Calvary he could stand up again. In our own lives, and in the lives of those in need, may we find the strength always to stand, move forward, make choices, and change. We turn to Jesus for guidance, and we ask him for strengths.

### We Pray:

Lord, we pray that when our strength fails, when our hope fades and when our spirit grows weary that we will put our unbounded trust in you. We pray for those who experience the weakness and failure of life; for those who know what it is to lose their faith; for those who have lost hope in this world or the next; for those who are at the limits of their mental, physical, or moral strength. May we bring your love, in a word or action of comfort, to another in those times when they are most in need. And may they be blessed to see you there with them.

### Response:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### Respuesta:

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*

# 10: Jesus is Stripped of His Clothing

## Peanut Factory Gate/Lower Path

### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

The indignity that was inflicted upon Jesus' body. Consider how Jesus continues to be stripped of his dignity in the objectification of the human form today. The gratifications of the flesh without regard to common respect. Bodies are turned from temples of the Holy into merchandise to be bought or sold. Bodies abused and misused, especially among the vulnerable, the children, those who are weak. Jesus's holy flesh is stripped of its clothing again and again.



### We Name Crosses of Today:

Here we remember those who have no home except under the trees. We remember those who know of the indignity of having police come and rip their tent from around them, scattering belongings. Let us consider the temple of our bodies and the ways we use them. Are we able to glorify God and glorify others through our bodies and the corporate nature of our lives? We pray it may be so.

### We Pray:

Forgive us Lord for being an irreverent mob so ready to strip you and make you vulnerable. Forgive us for being consumers of the body. Let us never expose anyone. Let us pray for all who are stripped of their human dignity and rights; for those who are exposed to bullying, ridicule, shame, humiliation, abuse and degradation. Let us pray for a change of heart for those who police this area. May we respect the dignity of others and uphold your dignity in ourselves, so that all may reach their full potential.

### Response:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### Respuesta:

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*

# 11: Jesus is Nailed to The Cross

## Church under the Bridge

### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

Huge iron nails are hammered through his wrists and through his ankles. Iron through human flesh, the flesh must yield, there is no defense. Jesus, nailed to the cross, cannot move. The hand that has wiped blindness from the eyes; the hand that opened the seal of deafness, the hand that touched a heart and cured a leper, the hand that blessed children and those with a disability; the carpenter's hand is joined to the wood again. As the cross is put in place, he hangs there between us and God, a blood-stained victim for love.



### We Name Crosses of Today:

We stand at the site of this church held each Sunday morning near the break of day. Here people come to hear of God's love and their worth. The goal of this simple church, Church Without Walls and all the other outdoor churches is to walk with people who choose not to go inside a church building, fearing they are not worthy or that they will not be welcome. We pray for them and for our own ability to reach into the community and bring those we encounter closer to the Lord. We pray with the common faith within us. We consider here that Jesus is crucified, and he continues to be crucified in the ten children who die every minute of hunger in our world. He is crucified in all who are maimed, damaged and displaced because of war. He is crucified in all who are marginalized in our society because of race, sexuality or gender. He is crucified in those who are abused physically, sexually or emotionally. He is crucified in those who are trafficked across the world. He is crucified in the exploitation of the earth and its resources. Help us and our partners at this church and elsewhere to seek and work for an end to such suffering. He suffered so we may suffer no more.

### We Pray:

Jesus, we pray on behalf of those who cannot reach out to you at this moment. We pray for all victims of violence; those who suffer it and those who inflict it. We pray for those who would destroy the sacred, the beautiful, and the true; for those who would attempt to suppress the truth and the good news of Christ crucified; for all who persecute Christ's church and God's children.

### Response:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

# 12: Jesus Dies on The Cross

## Church under the Bridge

### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

As the life of Jesus ebbs away his words are not of condemnation or of pity for himself, but of forgiveness: 'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.' In the midst of his anguish and suffering Jesus calls upon his Father to forgive those who are putting him to death. This is the real challenge of the cross, forgiveness even of those who hurt us most.

### We Name Crosses of Today:

There is much to seek forgiveness for in our world today: hunger, poverty, violence, abuse, war, neglect, corruption, the list seems endless. Each one of us praying these stations could continue the list on our own behalf and indeed on behalf of those who have hurt us. As Jesus dies on Calvary, he challenges us to love our enemies, to let go of hurt, to ask for forgiveness and when we cannot find it in our hearts to forgive, to ask God to do it for us. Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

### We Pray:

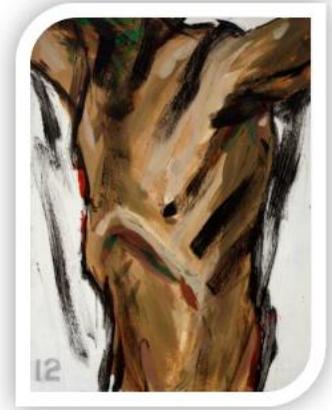
Let us stand with those who watched and prayed in silence while Jesus breathed his last. As we cannot measure love, so we cannot dilute this act of love and forgiveness with words. We pray for the dying, especially those who die alone, without family or the aid of the church or house of God; We pray for ourselves in our last hour; in gratitude, that we never need die alone or without hope, because of the work of Jesus. Lord, let our love and forgiveness speak your praise.

### Response:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### Respuesta:

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*



# 13: Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

Church under the Bridge

**All:**

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

**Todos:**

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

**We Remember the Cross of Jesus:**

Now Mary takes the broken body of her Son in her arms. In her grief, she remembers the words of her son, over the bread, ‘this is my body, broken, for you,’ and over the wine, ‘this is my blood poured out for you.’ She remembers that little baby in Bethlehem worshipped by shepherds and kings. She remembers the days when the crowds followed him, and she is full of sorrow.



**We Name Crosses of Today**

One of the crosses we bear is of our industrial past and the challenges of facing the economic reality of today. With businesses seeking to pay lower wages and thinking only about the bottom line, cities like Springfield pay the price. We pray for just wages and the opportunity for decent employment. Pray for ourselves and the forgotten industrial works of our nation’s past.

**We Pray**

Help us Lord to accept the partings that must come. Help us to offer our loved ones back to you as Mary offered her son. Faced with the silence of death, let us not despair but find hope. May the finality of death not oppress us. We pray for those who mourn; for those who care for the bereaved; for the healing of pain and grief. Help us to trust in you, the Lord of the living and the dead.

**Response:**

*Gloria be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

**Respuesta:**

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*

# 14: Jesus is Laid in The Tomb

## Under the overpass



### All:

*We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

### Todos:

*Te adoramos, O Cristo, y te bendecimos, porque por tu Santa Cruz has redimido el mundo.*

### We Remember the Cross of Jesus:

That night his body lay in the dark earth of the world, a seed dying, in the winter of all spirits. All those who had loved him felt emptied and exhausted. There seemed no longer any sense or purpose in anything. But at least no more harm could come to him. They closed the tomb and left.

### We Name Crosses of Today:

Here, under this overpass we remember all those living in poverty, especially those living without proper housing and proper nutrition.

We pray for the community around us and the group of those who live within our sight. We pray for new life every day and pray that our churches, and our faith tradition, can continue to speak to the world of this time. May the seeds within us grow, and the presence of Jesus come alive in our churches and in our hearts. May the grain of wheat sown in darkness and in death be for us the first fruits of a rich harvest. May each of us know Jesus's power, and help us to give witness to the fact that Jesus's death will never be in vain.

### We Pray:

Jesus, each day you put before us life or death. Help us always to choose life. We pray for all those we have known who have died, and for those who have no one to pray for them. We ask for the gift of faith when we are faced with the darkness of the tomb and our own death approaches. May we have eyes to see the promise of new life that the darkness can hold.

### Response:

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the Beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

### Respuesta:

*Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo, como era en el principio, ahora y siempre por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.*

**And now in the Words our Savior taught us we pray:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Return to Christ Church Cathedral