

18. April 2025

VIA CRUCIS

XIII. Station: “Jesus is taken down from the Cross”

V. *Adoramus te Christe et benedicimus tibi* (We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee)

R. *Quia per Crucem tuam redemisti mundum* (For by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.)

Once again we meet Mary on the Way of the Cross, as well as at the Fourth Station and at the foot of the Cross.

God wanted her Son, whom she bore, to be placed on her lap again after His death, before He descended into the Kingdom of the dead to announce the Good News to those who awaited Him there, so that they too might receive the grace of Redemption.

In Our Lady we can see the image of the Church. The Church has been entrusted with the mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ. She announces His death and proclaims His resurrection until the end of time. She administers and dispenses to mankind all the graces which Jesus obtained for us on the Cross. She makes present all that Jesus said and did.

Our beloved Mother is present at the beginning, at the Incarnation, and also at the end, before the light of the Resurrection floods and transforms everything. She, as the figure of the Church, administers all the graces that God has prepared for mankind.

Thus the Church also prays for the dead who died after Christ, so that, by virtue of grace and through the intercession of the saints, they may be completely purified and may attain full union with God for all eternity.

Prayer: “*Lord, graciously grant us salvation and peace, that your Church, having overcome all obstacles and errors, may serve you in full freedom, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit and is God for ever and ever. Amen.*”

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be