Conclusion:

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

L: Whoever wishes to come after me
ALL: must deny oneself, take up his cross, and follow me. (Mk 8:34)

L: For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his,
ALL: we shall also be united with him in the resurrection. (Rom 6:5)

L: Jesus says, “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” (Jn 10:10)
ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we give you praise and thanks for your Passover from death to life. As we carry about in our human existence your death on the cross, so may your life also be manifested in our whole being. For we, who are constantly being given up to death your sake, believe that your life will be always displayed in our mortal flesh both now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.

L: Save us, Savior of the world;
ALL: by your Cross and Resurrection you have sent us free.
Introduction:

L: In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen.
L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: As we begin to walk the Way of the Cross, let us pray together the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi on Mt. LaVerna before receiving the sacred Stigmata:

ALL: My Lord Jesus Christ,
I pray you to grant me
two graces before I die:
The first is that during my life
I may feel in my soul and body,
as much as possible,
the pain which you, dear Jesus, sustained
in the hour of your most bitter Passion.
The second is that I may feel in my heart,
as much as possible,
that excessive love
with which you, O Son of God,
were inflamed in willing enduring
such suffering for us sinners.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.
First Station:
Jesus Is Condemned to Death

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to all those who are unjustly accused, judged, condemned, and belittled.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)
L: Jesus says, “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” (Lk 6:37)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)
L: Lord Jesus Christ, you were condemned to die because of the hard-headed and hard-hearted attitudes of others. We thank you for the gift of your sacrifice. We ask you to preserve us from judging and condemning others and to protect those wrongly accused. We praise you who live and reign forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.
L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.

Fourteenth Station:
Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to all those who feel entombed in isolation because of their physical limits, mental state, or spiritual condition.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)
L: Jesus says, “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” (Jn 12:24)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)
L: Lord Jesus Christ, as your body was prepared for burial, but your spirit awaited resurrection. May our faith in you help us grasp our own dying. May our hope in new life sustain us in trial and decline. May our love spur us on to victory. Praise to you who live and reign forever and ever. ALL: Amen.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.
Thirteenth Station: Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to all those who are dead-tired because of their work, their worry, or their weakness.
ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)
L: Jesus says, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Lk 23:46)
ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)
L: Lord Jesus Christ, your dead body was taken down from the cross and placed in the arms of your Mother Mary. We thank you for the gift of your life. We ask for your strength when our energy wanes and your trust in surrender when our daily living becomes too willful and too unmanageable. Praise to you who live and reign for ever and ever.
ALL: Amen.
L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.

Second Station: Jesus Takes Up His Cross

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to all those who choose to change their way of life, no matter what the cost, so as to come to inner peace and joy.
ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)
L: Jesus says, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Lk 9:23)
ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)
L: Lord Jesus Christ, you willingly embraced the cross to put death to death, to manifest life and love, and to form a new covenant. We praise you for your loving self-emptying. We ask you to strengthen us as we choose to take up the cross. We praise you who live and reign for ever and ever.
ALL: Amen.
L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.
Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to all those who need help as they fall down in the practice of their faith.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)

L: Jesus says, “If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?” (Mt 6:30)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, your fall represents all of us who – weak in faith – worry about your care for us and attempt to control every aspect of our own lives. We thank you for the gift of your love. Free us from the effects of this useless power and help us surrender to you. We praise you who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.

Twelfth Station: Jesus Dies on the Cross

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to all those who die today, especially those whose passing is the result of personal self-emptying.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)

L: Jesus says, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (Jn 15:30)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you accepted a miserable death on the cross to give us eternal life in the kingdom, for our Father so loved us to send you to become like us that we could become like you. Teach us how to die so that we may live. Praise to you who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.
Eleventh Station: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

L: We dedicate this station to those who have been held captive by slavery, human trafficking, and discrimination.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)

L: Jesus says, “The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.” (Mk 8:31)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you were attached to your means of death in the most cruel manner. Help us to free those who are on the cross against their will. Show us how to transform the cruelty of the cross to the glory of new life. Praise to you who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.

Fourth Station: Jesus Meets his Sorrowing Mother

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

L: We pray for all grieving mothers who have lost a child, especially because of violence.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)

L: Jesus says, “You will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.” (Jn 16:21)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, your anguish and your mother’s heartache embrace during the journey to Calvary. We pray that the grief of loss and the anguish of victimization be relieved through the intercession of Mother Mary and through the spiritual strength of those who bear sorrows, sufferings, and separations. We praise you who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.
Fifth Station:
Jesus Is Helped by Simon of Cyrene

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to all those who take the time and effort to assist others, serve our country, and work for the common good.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)
L: Jesus says, “Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” (Mk 9:41)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)
L: Lord Jesus Christ, Simon’s help to carry your cross is the sign and the result of your teaching. We ask you for the humility to ask for help when we need it and the willingness to assist others whenever we can. We praise you who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.
L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.

Tenth Station:
Jesus Is Stripped of his Garments

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to those fellow human who have been stripped of their human rights, human dignity, and human decency.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)
L: Jesus says, “Do not worry about your life and what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing.” (Lk 12:22-23)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)
L: Lord Jesus Christ, you are denigrated when you are stripped naked. Cover our embarrassment with your mercy, our shame with your love, and our “dis-ease” with your healing. Praise to you who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.
L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.
Ninth Station:  
Jesus Falls the Third Time

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you  
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.  
L: We dedicate this station to those who fall because their outreach of compassion, charity, and care is overcome by selfishness.  
ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)  
L: Jesus says, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Mk 11:30-31)  
ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)  
L: Lord Jesus Christ, you fell for the third time on your way of Calvary because you love us. As we thank you, we ask you to help us move beyond self-centeredness to concern for others. Praise to you who live and reign for ever and ever.  
ALL: Amen.  
L: Lord Jesus crucified,  
ALL: have mercy on us.

Sixth Station:  
Jesus Has Veronica Wipe his Face

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you  
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.  
L: We dedicate this station to those who risk their lives to serve those in need, to seek the truth, and to show mercy.  
ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)  
L: Jesus says, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mt 25:40)  
ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)  
L: Lord Jesus Christ, Veronica took courage to defy the orders of the soldiers and wipe your face out of concern and compassion. Strengthen us to reach beyond our comfort level to offer random acts of kindness. We praise you who live and reign for ever and ever.  
ALL: Amen.  
L: Lord Jesus crucified,  
ALL: have mercy on us.
Seventh Station:
Jesus Falls the Second Time

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to all who fall in the exercise of their hope because of their sadness and misery, their anxieties and fears.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)

L: Jesus says, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (Mk 10:25)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, you fell again under the weight of the cross. We thank you for the gift of your sacrifice. Please lift us up when we are weighed down by our worry over earthly things and our obsession over things we can’t control. Praise to you who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.

Eighth Station:
Jesus Meets the Lamenting Women

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you
ALL: because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.
L: We dedicate this station to the suffering victims of natural disasters and of the human inhumanity of anger, hate, violence, and war.

ALL: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. (Rom 6:8)

L: Jesus says, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children.” (Lk 23:28)

ALL: “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Lk 11:28)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, even in suffering you faced others with compassion and forgiveness. We praise you for your loving kindness. We ask you to help victims of nature or of brutality witness to the ability to act on the strength of hope. Praise to you who live and reign for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

L: Lord Jesus crucified,
ALL: have mercy on us.