We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee. Because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

"And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull: And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments; And with him they crucify two thieves: the one on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.'" Mark 15:22-24, 27, 28

O GOD, who, when we deserve punishment, and in whom we find most comfort in all our necessities, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP, page 134

"Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled, my heart is melted down within me. Mine enemies are bold against me, they that be dead of old. He hath covered me with the cloud of his wrath. He shutteth out my prayer. He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. Remembering mine affliction and my miseries, the wormwood and the gall." Lam. 3:1, 2, 8, 16, 19

XIII. Jesus is taken down from the cross (scriptural)

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee. Because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

"O LORD Jesus Christ, who by thy death didst take away the sting of death: Grant unto us thy servants so to follow in thy likeness; through thy mercy, who livest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen." BCP, page 336

XIV. Jesus is laid in the tomb (scriptural)

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee. Because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

"And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which is, being interpreted, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, 'Behold, he calleth Elias.' And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, 'Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.' And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost." Mark 15:33-37

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility. Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP, page 161