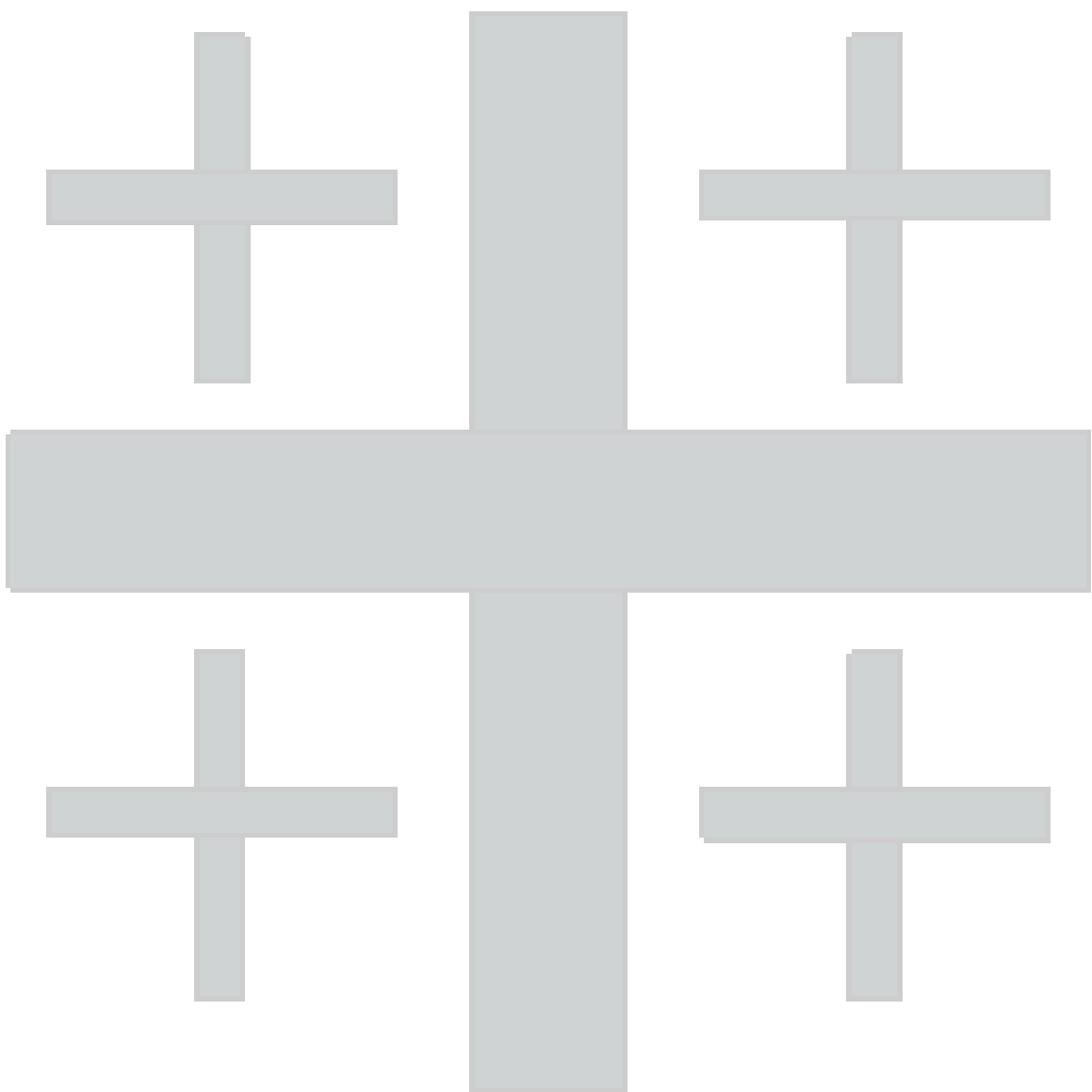


Stations of the Cross

New Covenant Anglican Church
Lent 2014





We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you;

*Because by your Holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.*

The Stations of the Cross, or the Way of the Cross is a devotion focusing on the self-offering of Jesus through his crucifixion and death.

In early times, pilgrims to Jerusalem visited places associated with Jesus' ministry and especially those places that traced the path of the Lord's trial, death, and burial.

Over time, sites were marked along this Via Dolorosa, or way of suffering, and prayers were offered at these places.

In later times, when it became difficult for individuals to visit Jerusalem personally, stations or replicas of these honored places in Jerusalem were set up in local churches to allow Christians to prayerfully trace the steps of our Lord as he entered his Passion and death.

The number of stations has varied somewhat through time and in different places. The eight stations presented here in our parish re-present events explicitly recorded in the four Gospels.

The Stations of the Cross may be done alone or with others. At each station...

+ Take a moment to quiet your heart and mind.

+ See the scene before you. Focus on Jesus. What is Christ doing *and* what is being done to him?

+ Prayerfully read or say the appointed scripture and prayers.

+ Offer your own response in words or silence. Move to the next station.

The Stations invite us to participate *physically*. Christ's passion and death were felt. Walking from station to station, hearing the prayers, seeing the images, feeling our emotions, and kneeling at the altar reminds us that the life and death of our Savior brings salvation and redemption to the bodies he has given to us.

The Stations invite us to participate *worshipfully*. Christ's sacrifice was made once for all time in the days of Pontius Pilate. Yet, because of our union with Christ through faith and in baptism, as we recall those events, we are doing more than remembering history. We can prayerfully place ourselves in the scene before us and have our hearts moved to repent and mourn, praise and rejoice, or stand in silent reverence and gratitude for the saving actions of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Begin at the door to the Sanctuary.

+ Opening Devotions

Continue to the stations on your left.

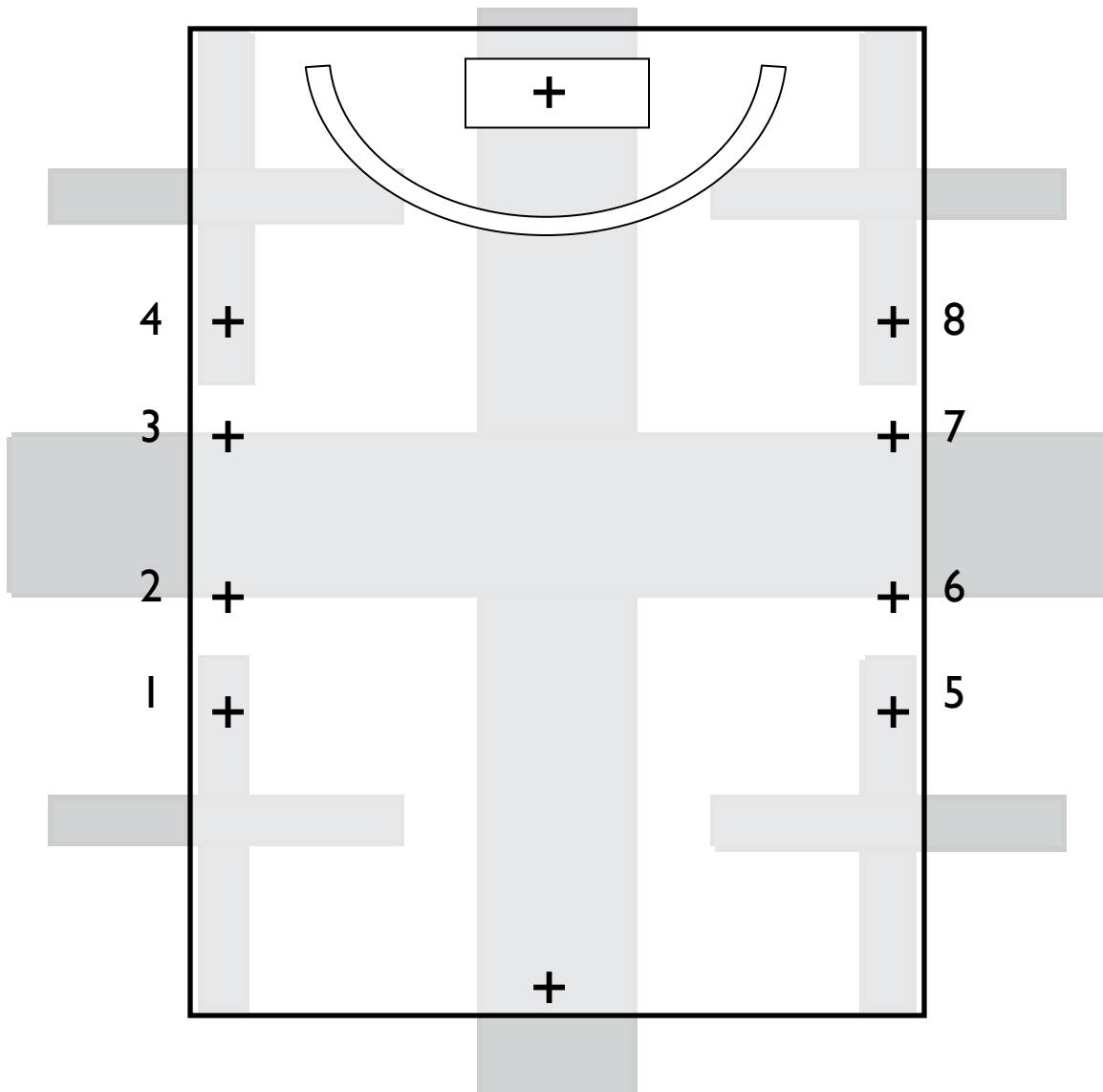
- + Jesus is condemned to death
- + Jesus takes up his Cross
- + The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene
- + Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Return to the Sanctuary door and continue to the stations on your right.

- + Jesus is stripped of his garments
- + Jesus is nailed to the Cross
- + Jesus dies on the Cross
- + Jesus is laid in the tomb

Conclude with the final prayers at the altar rail.

Prayers before the Altar



Please return this booklet to the basket for the benefit of others who will follow you.

Opening Devotions

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

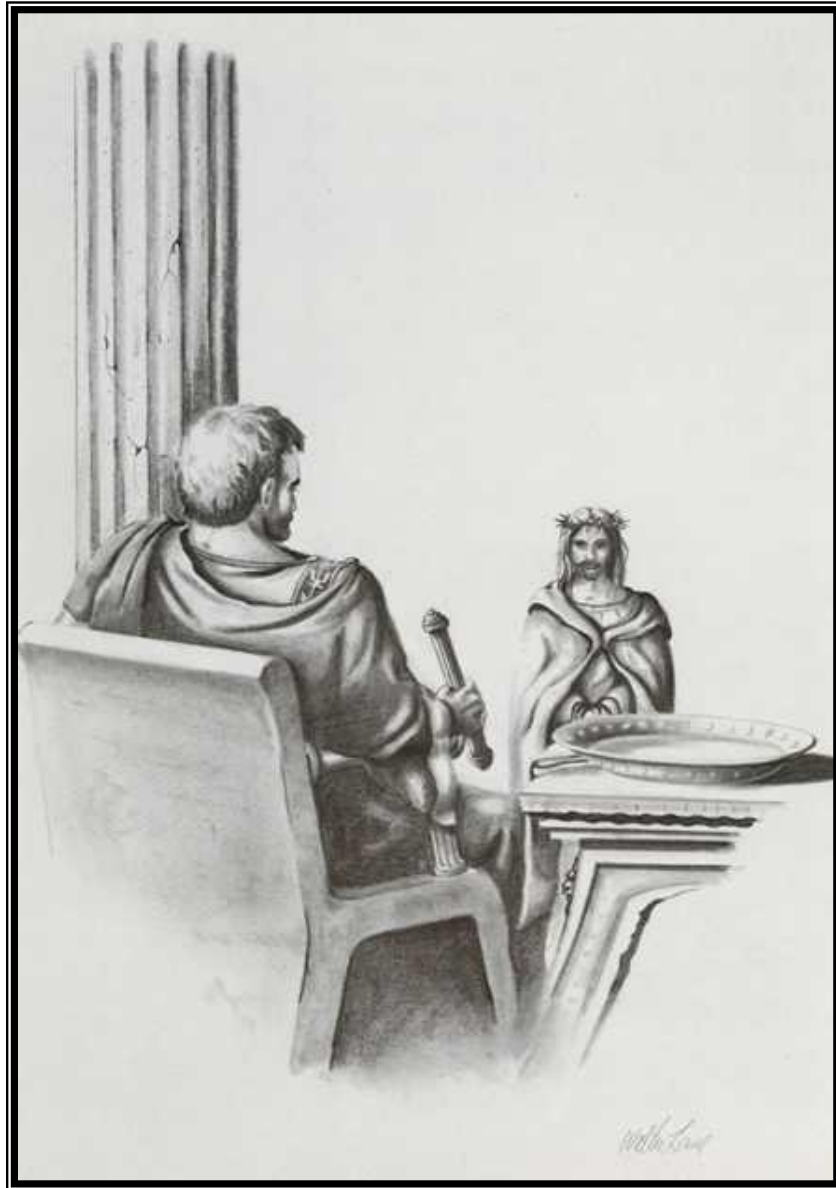
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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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.

First Station

Jesus is condemned to death



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him to Pilate. And they all condemned him and said, "He deserves to die." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. Then he handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

V. God did not spare his own Son:

R. But delivered him up for us all.

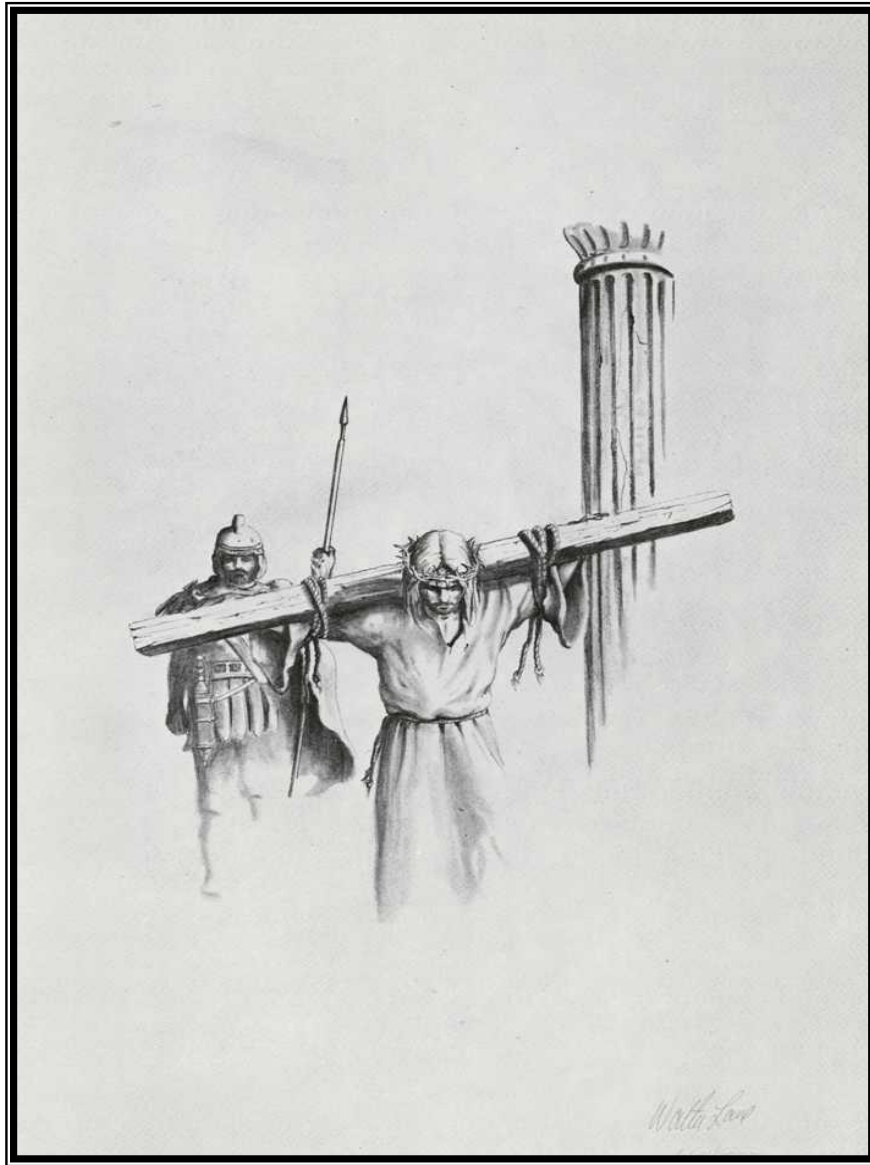
Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

Second Station

Jesus takes up his Cross



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter; and like a sheep that before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

V. The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

R. For the transgression of my people was he stricken.

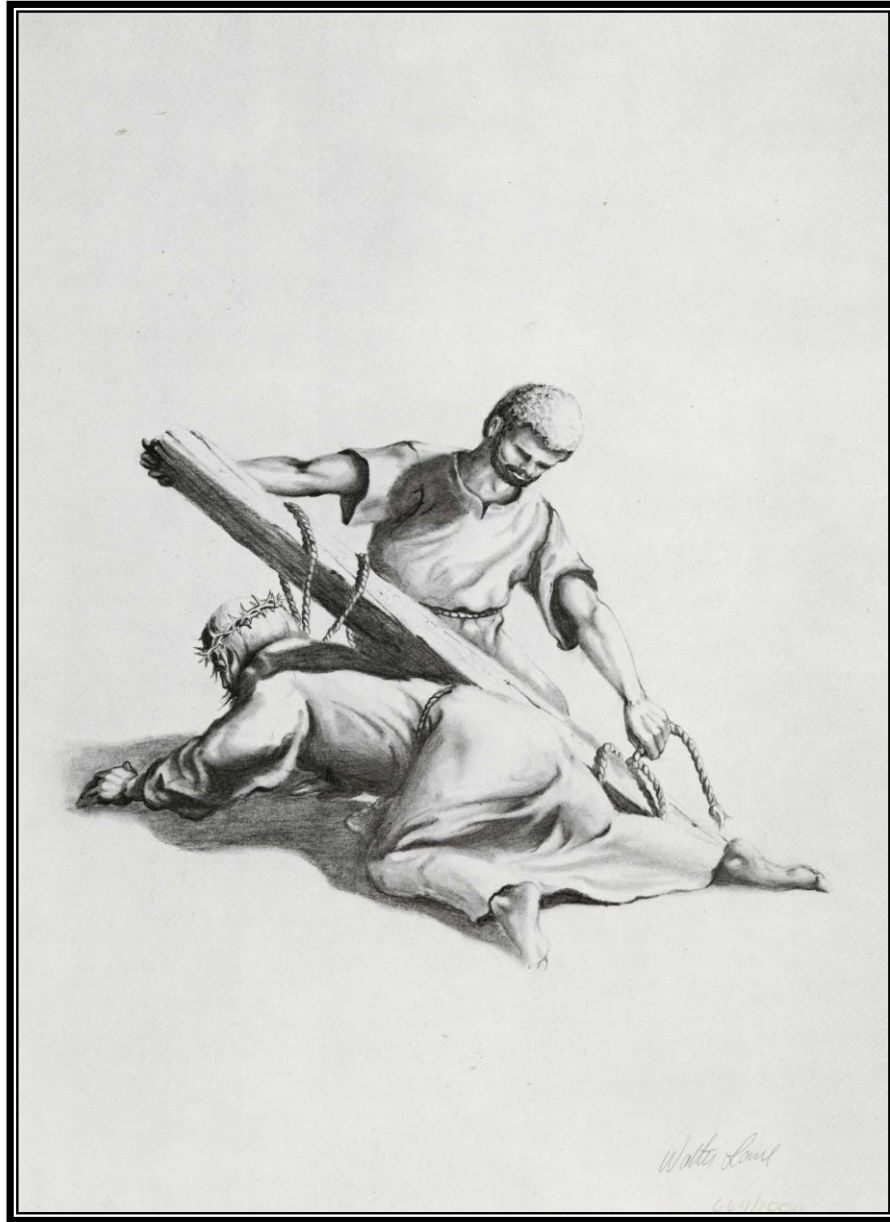
Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

Third Station

The Cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

As they led Jesus away, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross to carry it behind Jesus. "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

V. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me:

R. Cannot be my disciple.

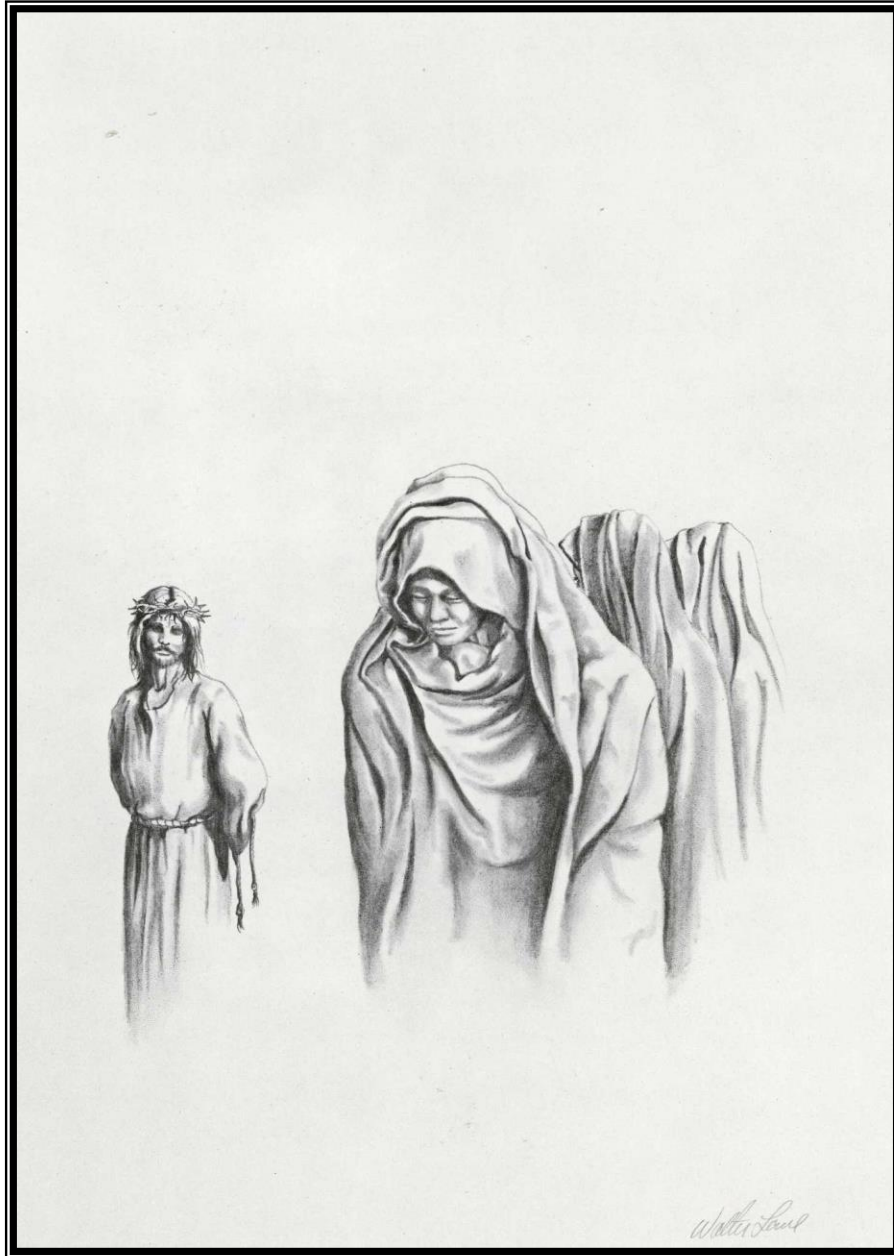
Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Have mercy upon us.*

Fourth Station

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
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world.*

There followed after Jesus a great multitude of the people, and among them were women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

V. Those who sowed with tears:

R. Will reap with songs of joy.

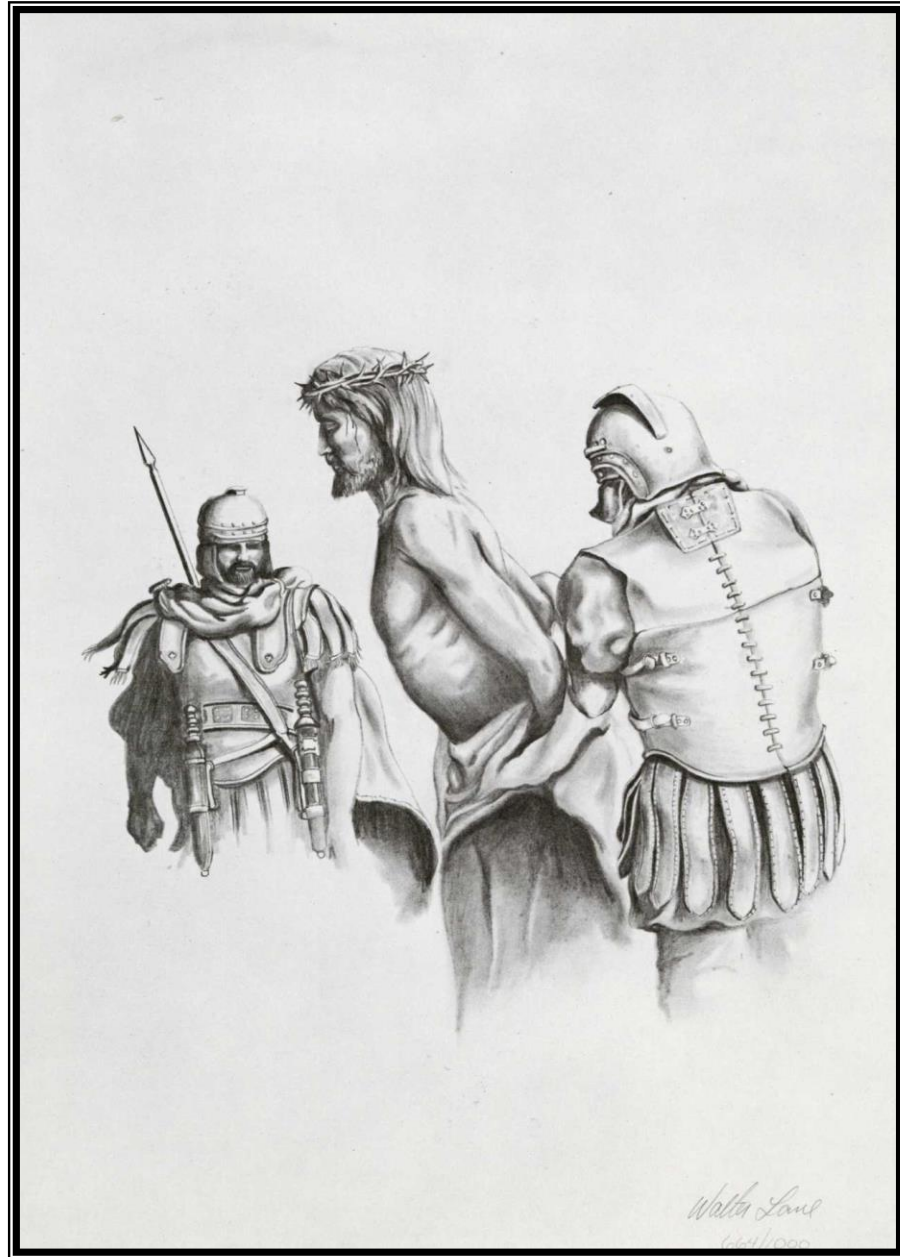
Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Teach your Church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children's children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Holy God,
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Have mercy upon us.*

Fifth Station

Jesus is stripped of his garments



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
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When they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull), they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill the scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing."

V. They gave me gall to eat:

R. And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

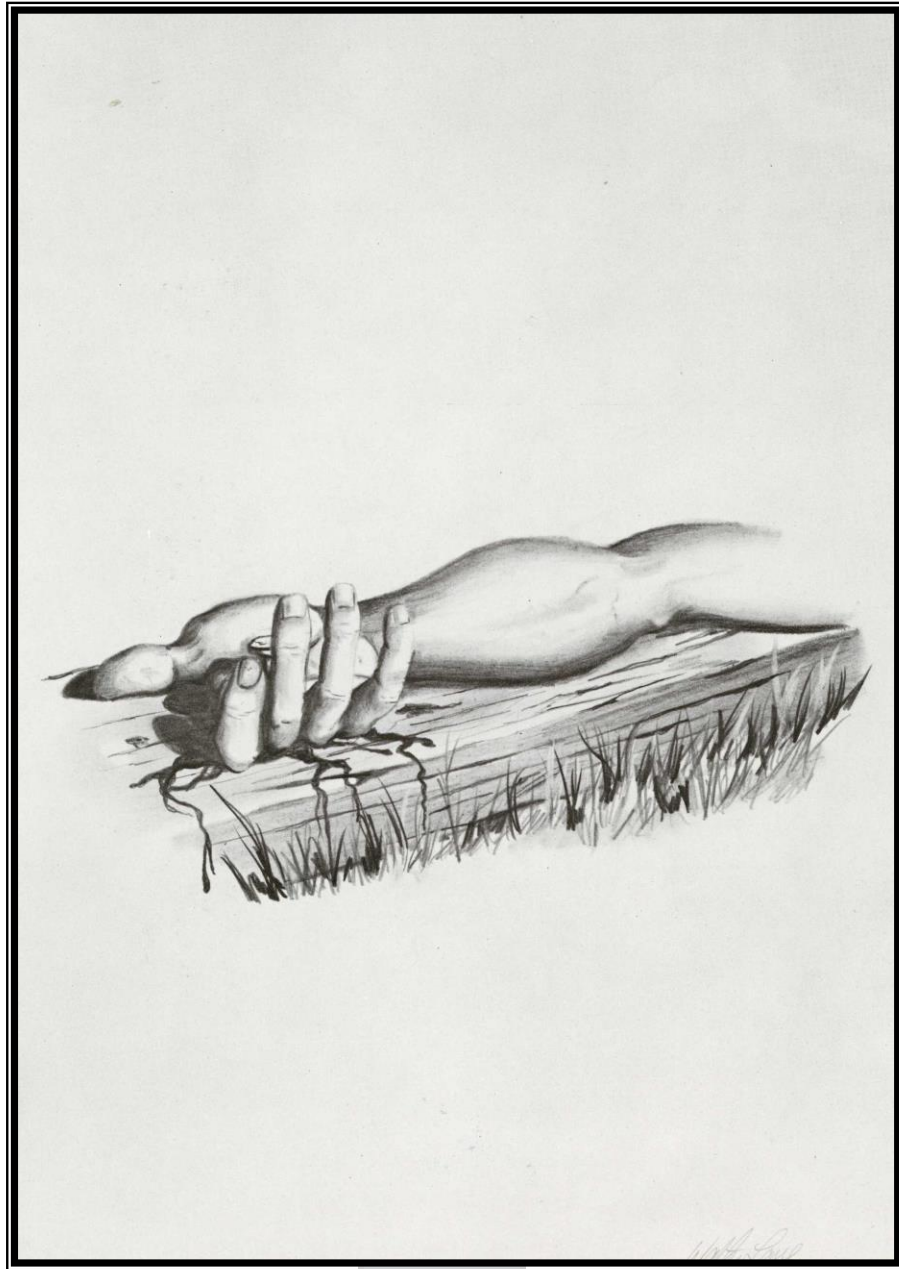
Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

Sixth Station

Jesus is nailed to the Cross



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
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When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, the other on the left, and Jesus between them. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors."

V. They pierce my hands and my feet:

R. They stare and gloat over me.

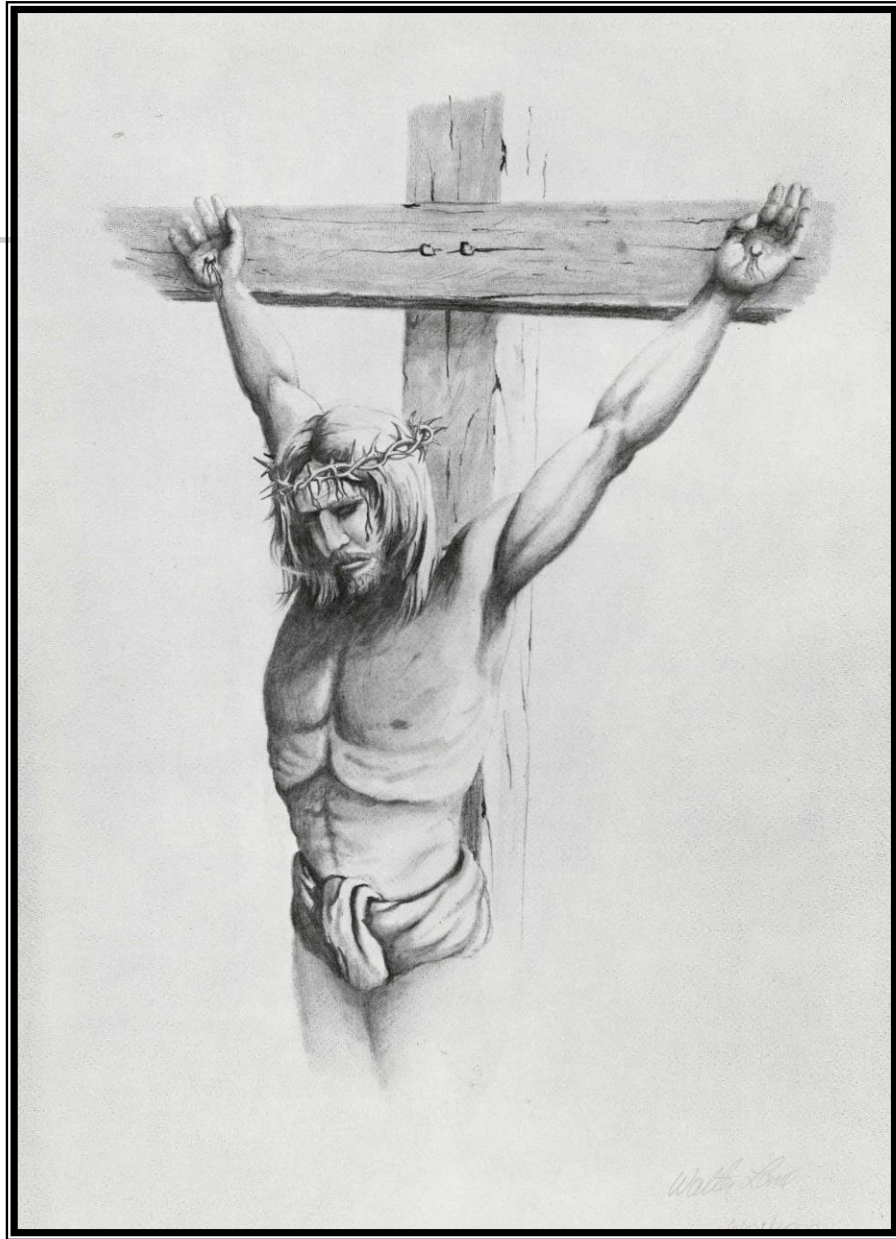
Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

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Seventh Station

Jesus dies on the Cross



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished!" And then, crying with a loud voice, he said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head, and handed over his spirit.

V. Christ for us became obedient unto death:

R. Even death on a cross.

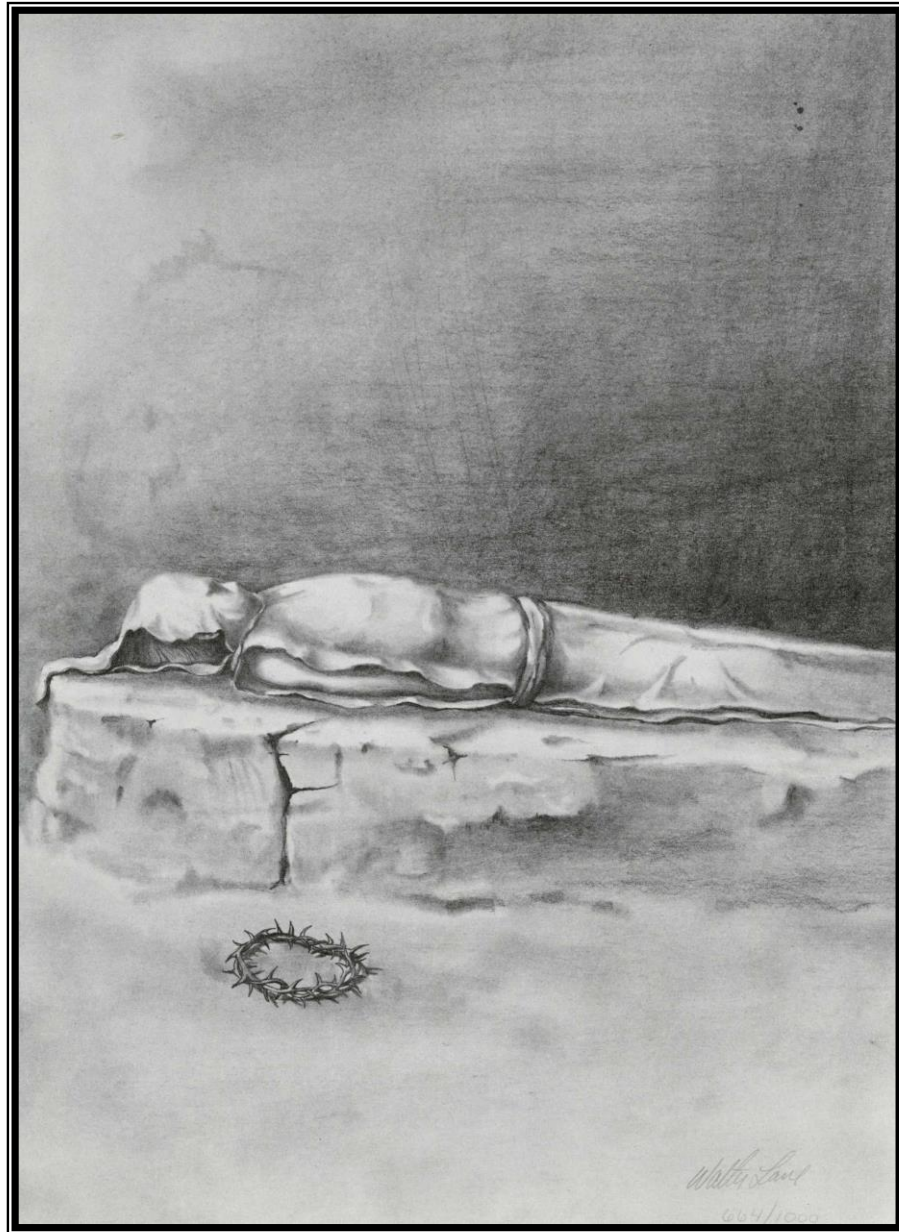
Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

*Holy God,
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Have mercy upon us.*

Eighth Station

Jesus is laid in the tomb



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

V. You will not abandon me to the grave:

R. Nor let your holy One see corruption.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day: Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Holy God,
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Concluding Prayers before the Altar

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood
you have redeemed us:

*Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O
Lord.*

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have
delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and
brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we
pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who
lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his
own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to
serve his God and Father, to him be glory and
dominion for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, whose Son our
Savior Jesus Christ was lifted
high upon the cross that he might
draw the whole world to himself:
Mercifully grant that we, who
glory in the mystery of our
redemption, may have grace to
take up our cross and follow him;
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory
everlasting. Amen.

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Jesus' passion and death is recorded
in the four gospels.

The Gospel of Matthew
Chapters 26-27

The Gospel of Mark
Chapters 14-15

The Gospel of Luke
Chapters 22-23

The Gospel of John
Chapters 18-19