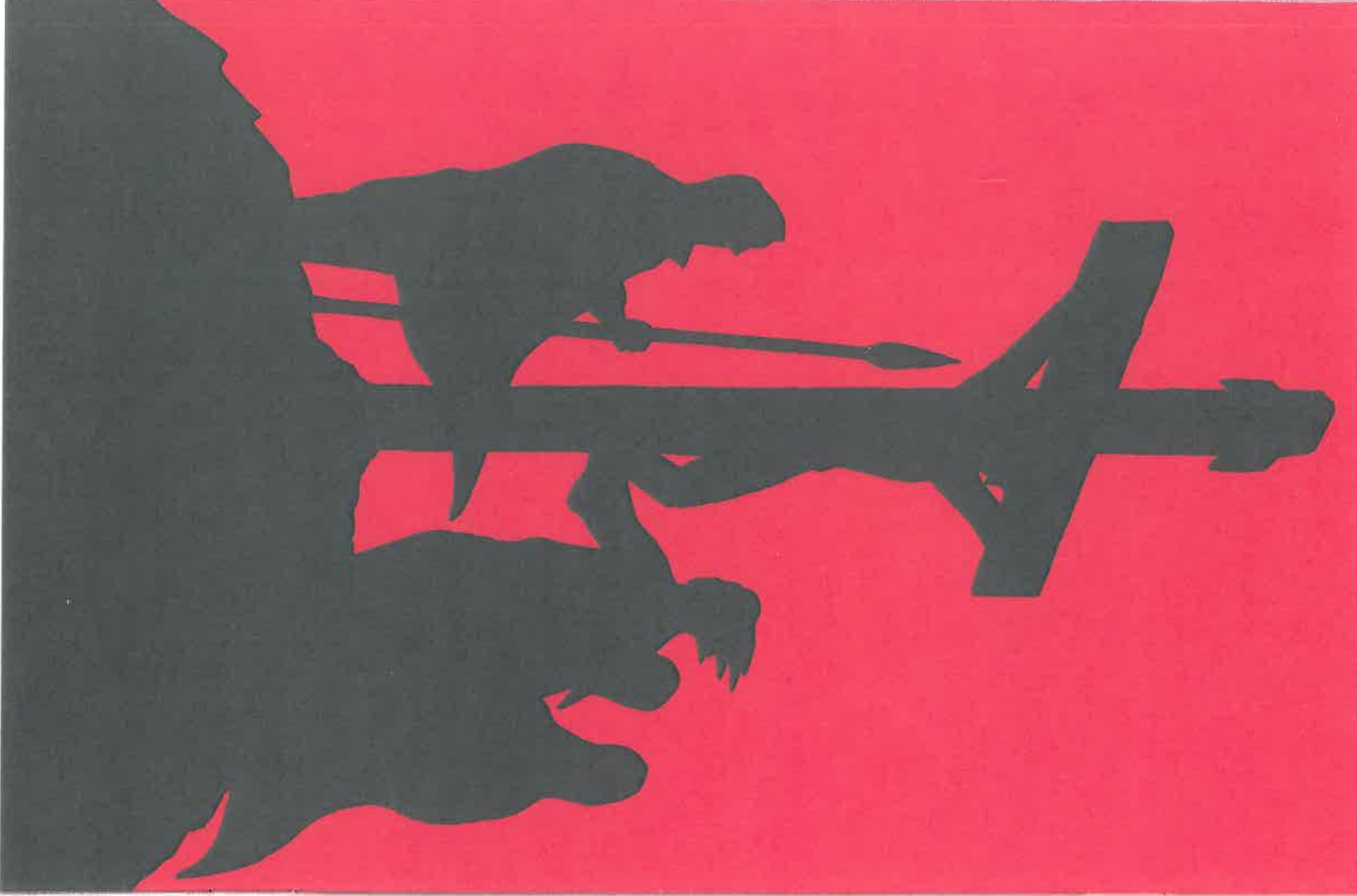


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Twelfth Station

Jesus Dies on the Cross

As Jesus hung on the cross, he cried out, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing." From a crowd of people standing nearby, someone yelled, "You saved others; now save yourself if you are God's chosen one!" The soldiers made fun of him, too. At last Jesus cried out again, "Father, into your hands I place my spirit." After he said this, he died (Luke 23:44).

(Recite the following kneeling on both knees.)

If we had been there, Jesus, we would have pushed the people back from the cross. We would have knelt beneath it and prayed with you.

But we weren't there. We are only here now, remembering.

TIME TO THINK AND PRAY

Would I really have knelt beside the cross for all the world to see? Would I, like Jesus, have asked God to forgive the soldiers and the crowd?

Here and now, do I pray for those who hurt me? Do I really forgive?

Jesus, teach me how to follow you.