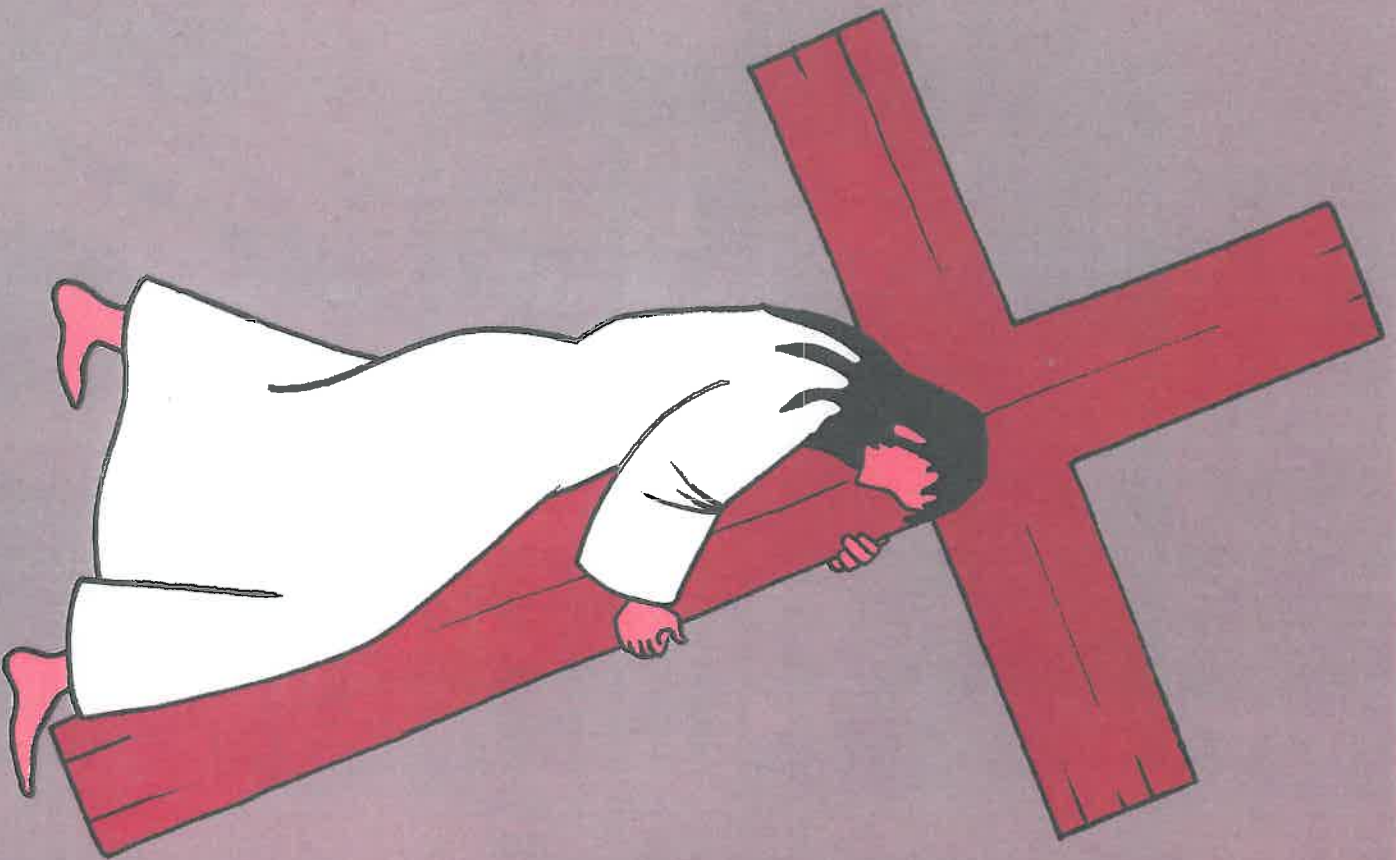


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Second Station

Jesus Carries His Cross

The soldiers led Jesus away as Pilate had ordered. They put a crown of thorns on his head; they beat him up, and then made fun of him. Then they laid a heavy cross on his shoulders and ordered him to carry it to a place called Calvary. His whole body ached, and he was so tired he could hardly walk (Matthew 26:31-32).

(Recite the following with hands on shoulders.)

If we had been there, Jesus, we would have carried that heavy cross for you. We would have told those soldiers, "Get back; leave him alone! Can't you see he's in pain?"

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

TIME TO THINK AND PRAY

Would I have dared talk back to a group of sword-carrying soldiers? What if one of them had pointed his sword at me?

Here and now, what do I do when someone is wrongly blamed for something he or she didn't do?

Jesus, teach me how to follow you.