

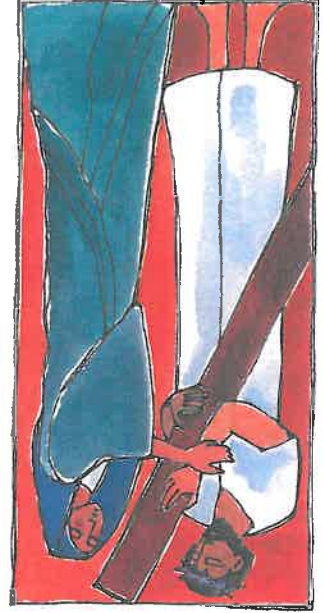
**The
Fourth
Station**



**Jesus
meets
His
sorrowful
mother**

When Jesus was a baby, his parents took him to the Temple. There, a prophetess told Mary that a sword would pierce her soul. Seeing her beloved son now wounded, weak and walking to an unjust death, Mary feels that sword tear at her heart.

Meditation



FOURTH STATION
Jesus
Meets
His Mother

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Prayer
 Jesus, amid the crowd filled with mocking, curious and indifferent faces, one face stands out. It is the face of your sorrowful mother, Mary. She held you close as a baby, searched for you when she thought you were lost in Jerusalem and was there with you as you changed water into wine. As she has so often in the past, Mary stands near you now. But this moment is different from all the others. She can do nothing for you now; she can only watch in grief because she loves you so very much.
 I suppose all parents must sometimes look at their own children with this same kind of sadness. When we are sick, when we are running down harmful paths, when we refuse to listen, our parents feel it, because they love us.
 I see you stop to give your mother comfort. Help me stop on my journey and let my parents in to give me comfort. Help me love them by being open to their love and support.
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