First Station

Jesus Is Condemned to Death

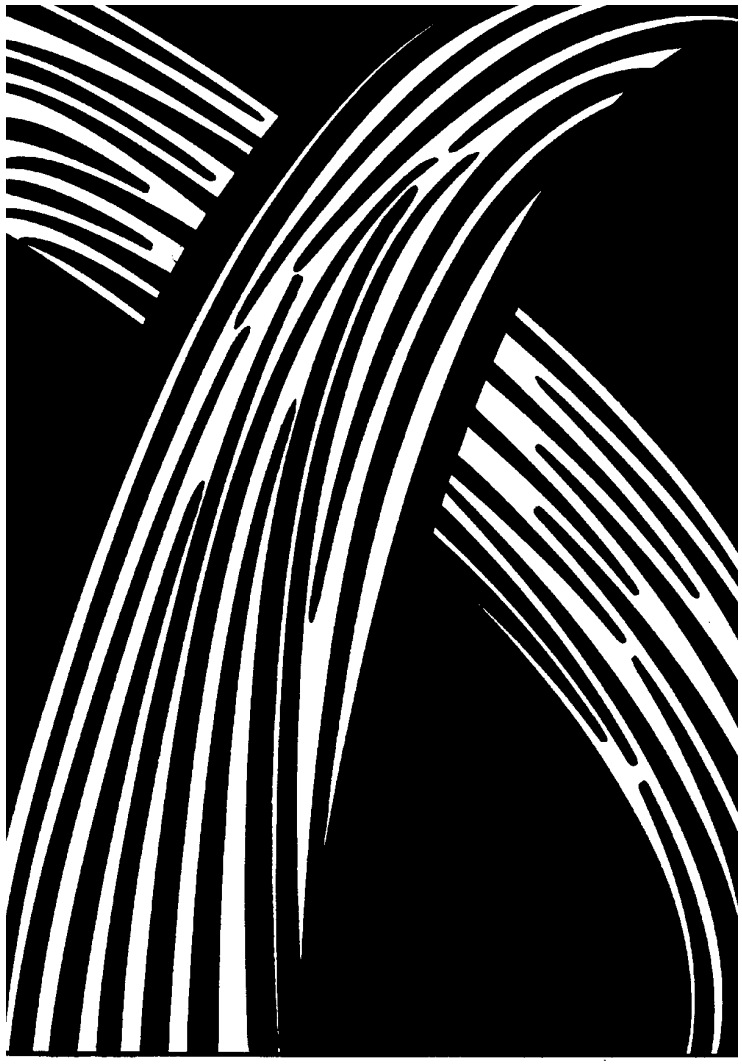
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. He asked them, "What should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" And the people said, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he handed Jesus over to be crucified.
(Mt 27:1-2, 22, 24a, 26b)

V. God did not spare his own Son:
R. But delivered him up for us all.

Almighty God, whose Son suffered intense pain and death, grant that we may not shy away from walking in the way of the cross. Give us strength on the journey, so that it may become a 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.



First Station
Jesus Is Condemned to Death

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.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. (John 19:17) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7) Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Rev. 5:12)

V. The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:
R. Upon him was the punishment that made us whole.
(Is 53:6b, 5b)

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony of the cross for our salvation, give us courage to take up our cross and follow him. Give us trust that the journey to the cross is also the journey to new life.
Amen.

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

Second Station
Jesus Takes up His Cross

Third Station

Jesus Falls for the First Time

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

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:6-11)

V. Surely he has borne our infirmities:
R. And carried our diseases. (Is 53:4)

O God, we are surrounded by so much evil and darkness in our lives. Grant us the strength and protection we need to pass through danger and to carry us through our temptations. We ask this in Christ's name.
Amen.

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

Third Station
Jesus Falls for the First Time

Fourth Station

Jesus Meets His Mother

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

What can I say for you, to what compare you, O daughter Jerusalem? To what can I liken you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter Zion? For vast as the sea is your ruin; who can heal you? (Lam. 2:13) Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. (Mt. 5:4) The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. (Is. 60:20b)

V. A sword will pierce your own soul also:
R. And fill your heart with bitter pain. (Lk. 2:35)

O Mary, Mother of God, you knew the grief and suffering of watching your son tortured and killed. Be with us and all those who are suffering as we watch loved ones suffer. Teach us your steadfastness of love so that our presence may bring some relief to those in pain.
Amen.

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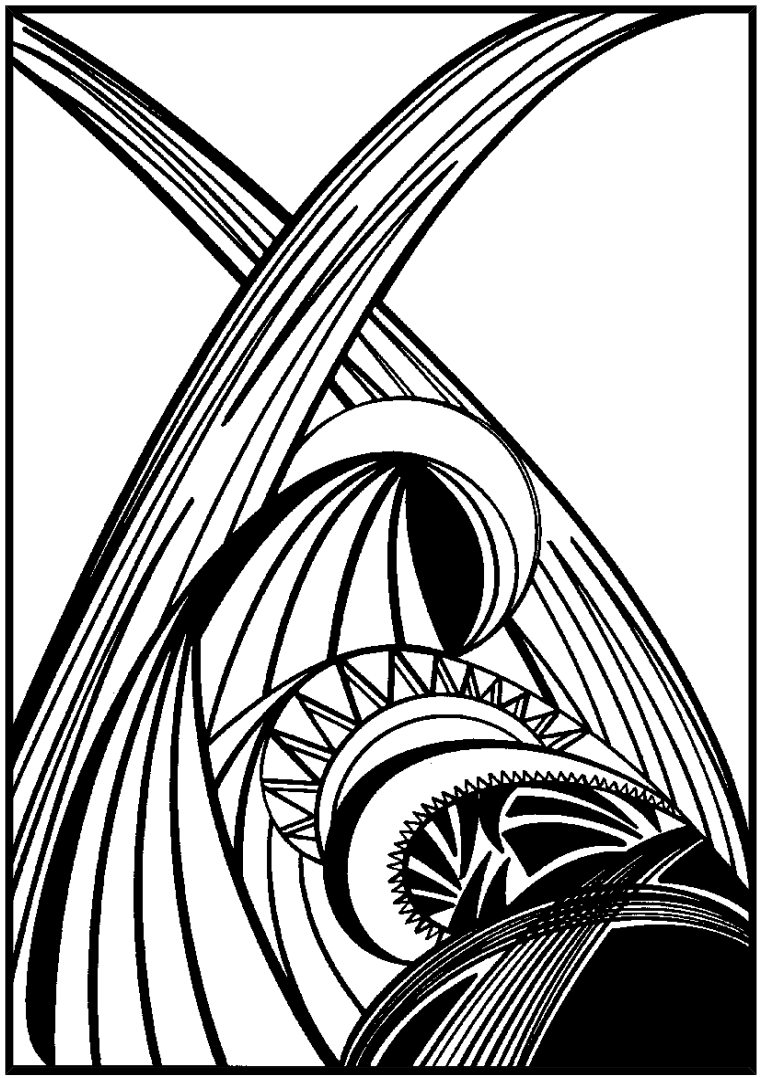

Fourth Station
Jesus Meets His Mother

Fifth 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 seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. (Lk. 23:26) "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mk 8:34) "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."(Mt 11:29-30)

V. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me:
R. Cannot be my disciple. (Lk. 14:27)

Heavenly Father, whose Son came not to be served but to serve, bless us who strive to follow in his steps, giving ourselves in service to others. Give us wisdom, patience, and courage, so that we may minister in his name to the suffering. Give us the strength and the willingness to help others carry their crosses. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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

Fifth Station
The Cross Is Laid on Simon of Cyrene

Sixth Station

A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus

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

He had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole; and by his bruises we are healed. (Is 53:2b-3, 5)

V. Restore us, O God;
R. Let your face shine, that we may be saved. (Ps 80:3)

Almighty and everliving God, in your love for the human race you sent your Son Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the great example of humility. May we be like Veronica, relieving for a moment your suffering by relieving the suffering of others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

Sixth Station
A Woman Wipes the Face of Jesus

Seventh Station

Jesus Falls for the Second Time

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

Surely he had borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was stricken for the transgression of my people. (Is 53:4,6, 8d))

V. I am a worm and not human;
R. Scorned by others, and despised by the people. (Ps 22:6)

Almighty and everliving God, in your love for us you sent your Son to teach us patience and humility during suffering. Grant that we may have the strength to get up and continue on our path, even after we fall time and again. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

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

Seventh Station
Jesus Falls for the Second Time

Eighth Station

Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

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

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." (Lk 23:27-28)

V. May those who sow in tears:
R. Reap with shouts of joy. (Ps 126:5)

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made. Create in us new and contrite hearts, so that we may attain your forgiveness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

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

Eighth Station
Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Ninth Station

Jesus Falls for the Third Time

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

I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God's wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light. He has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me sit in darkness like the dead of long ago. Though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer. He has made my teeth grind on gravel, and made me cower in ashes; the thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. (Lam 3:1-2,5-6, 8,16,19-20)

V. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter:
R. And like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. (Is 53:7b)

O God, by the passion of your Son you made the cross to be the means of life. Grant that we may never run away from the cross of Christ, so that after our time of suffering we may come to know Christ's victory over death.
Amen.

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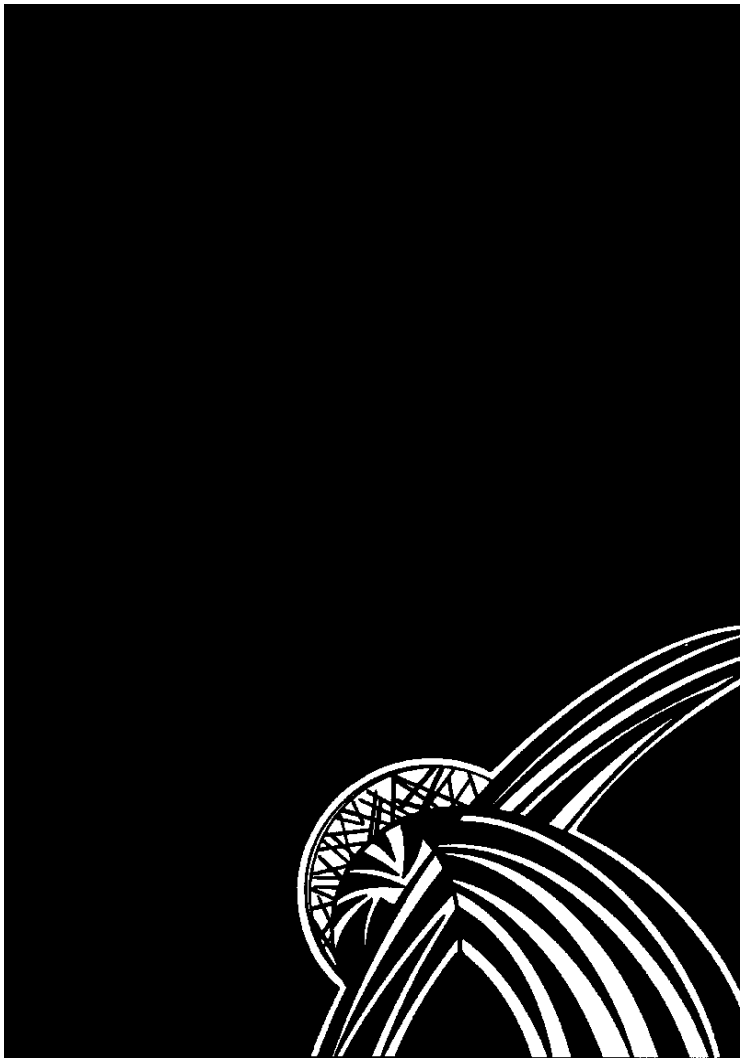

Ninth Station
Jesus Falls for the Third Time

Tenth Station

Jesus Is Stripped

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

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means the Place of a Skull) they offered him wine to drink mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots. (Mt 27:33-35a) This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "they divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." (John 19:24b re: Ps 22:18)

V. They gave me gall to eat:
R. And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.
(Ps 69:21)

Lord God, whose Son our Savior was whipped, spit upon, and nailed to a cross, give us the endurance to accept the sufferings of our lives, confident of the new life which will follow, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

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

Tenth Station
Jesus Is Stripped

Eleventh Station

Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. (Lk 23:33) And the scripture was fulfilled which says, "He was numbered with the transgressors." (Is 53:12b) And those who passed by derided him. (Mt 27:39a)

V. They pierce my hands and my feet:
R. They stare and gloat over me. (Ps. 22:16)

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross May you embrace all with your outstretched hands. Grant us the courage to reach our arms out in love and inclusion also. We ask this in your great name. *Amen*.

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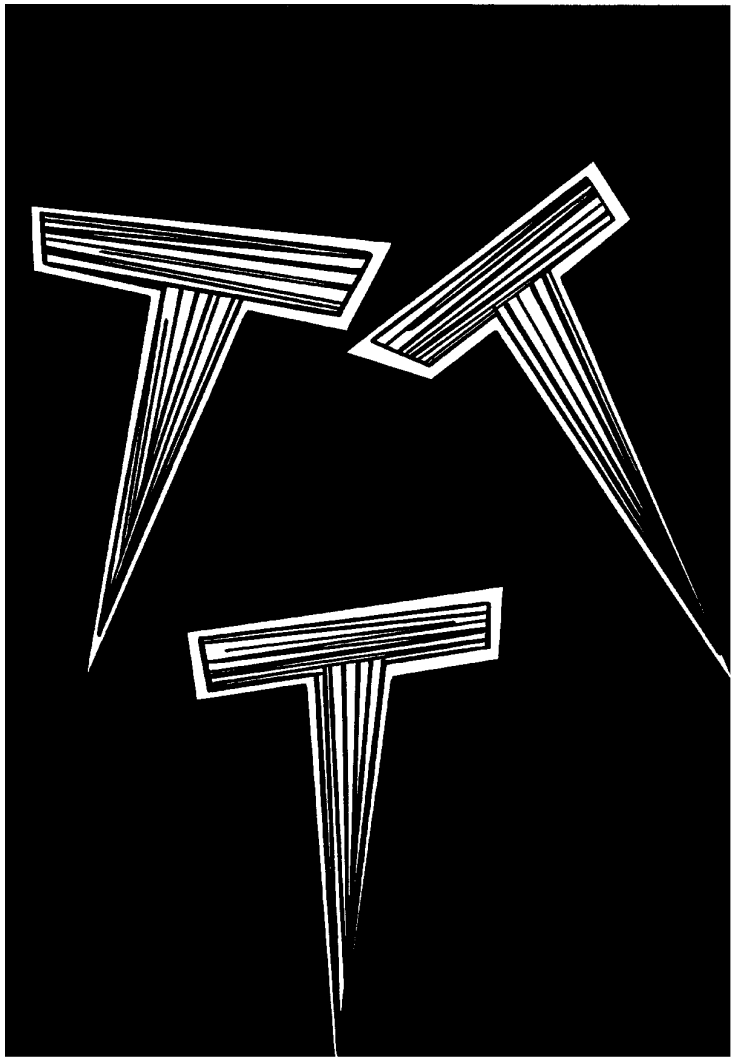

Eleventh Station

Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

Twelfth 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.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mk 15:33-34) When Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said, "I am thirsty." So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (Jn 19:28-30)

V. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death:
R. Even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
we pray that your passion, cross, and
death give mercy and grace to the living;
and pardon and rest to the dead. May your
faithfulness even to the point of death on a
cross bring sinners to everlasting life
Amen.

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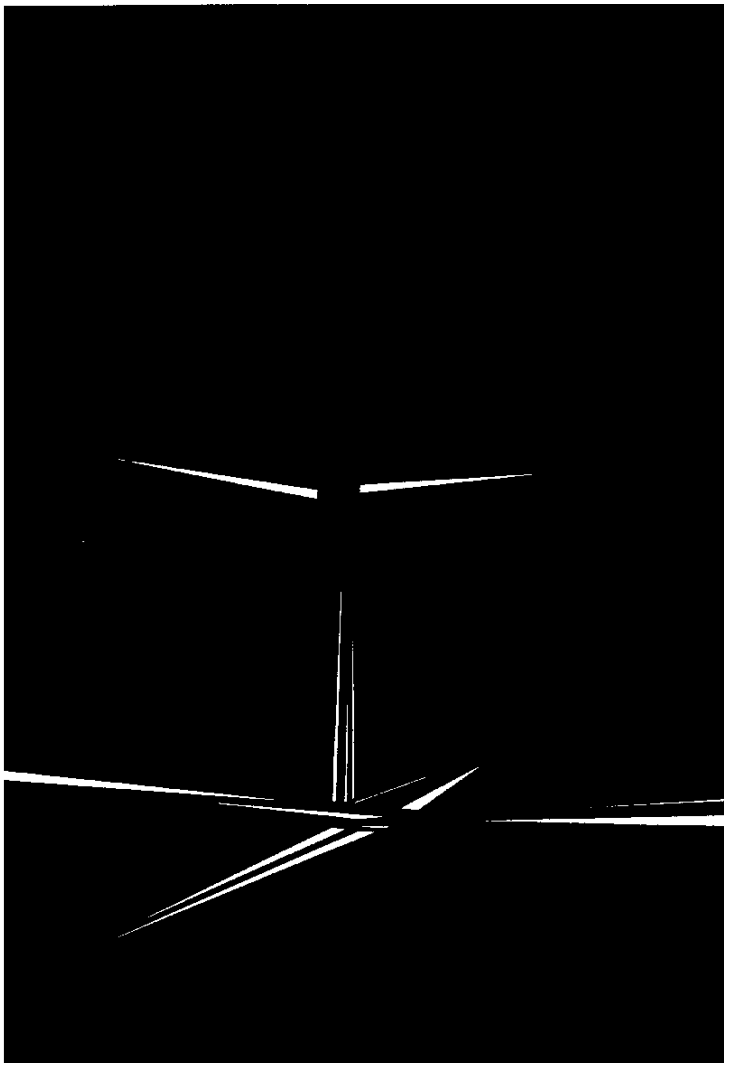

Twelfth Station

Jesus Dies on the Cross

Thirteenth Station

Jesus' Body is Taken from the Cross

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

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the Sabbath. So they asked Pilate to have the bodies removed. The soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (Jn 19:31-34)

V. None of his bones shall be broken:
R. And they will look on the one whom they have pierced.
(Ps 34:20 and Zech 12:10)

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took
away the sting of death: Grant to us your
servants to follow in faith where you lead.
May we grow more and more like you in
our faithfulness to God's path.
Amen.

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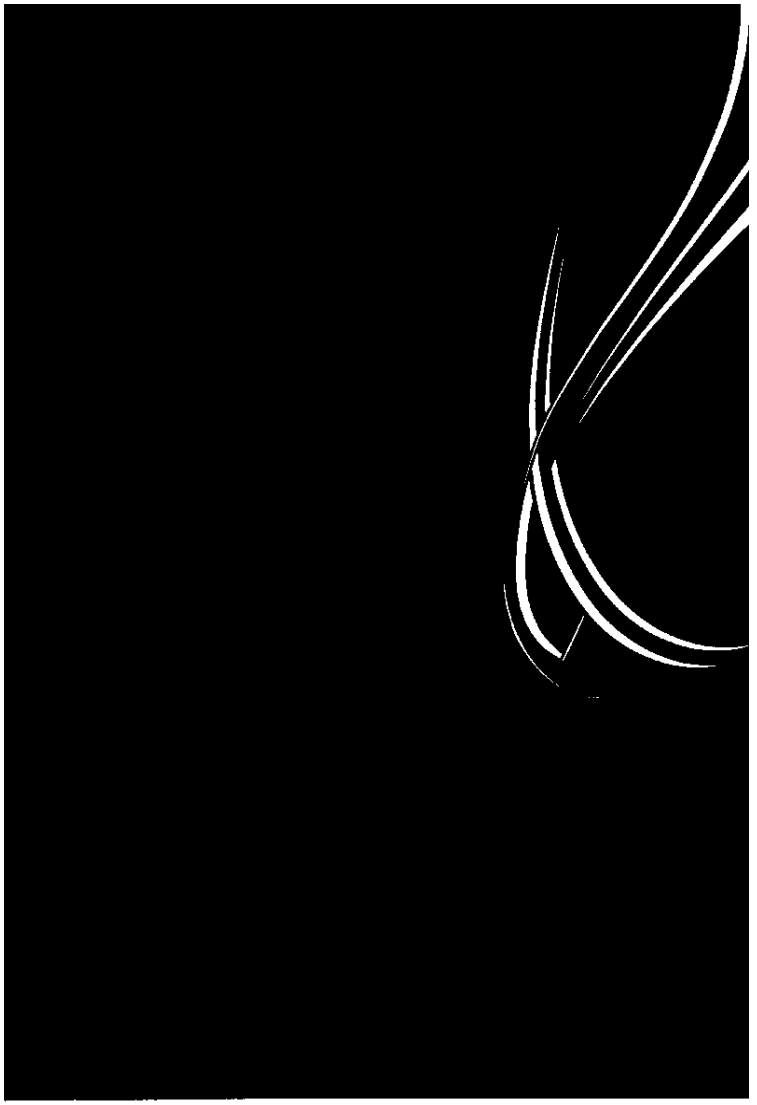

Thirteenth Station

Jesus' Body is Taken from the Cross

Fourteenth 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 was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. (Mt 27: 57-60)

V. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades:
R. Or let your Holy One experience corruption. (Acts 2:27)

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that just as the crucified body of your son was laid in the tomb and rested on the Sabbath, so we may patiently await with him the coming of Easter. Give us trust that we will rise with him to newness of life.
Amen.

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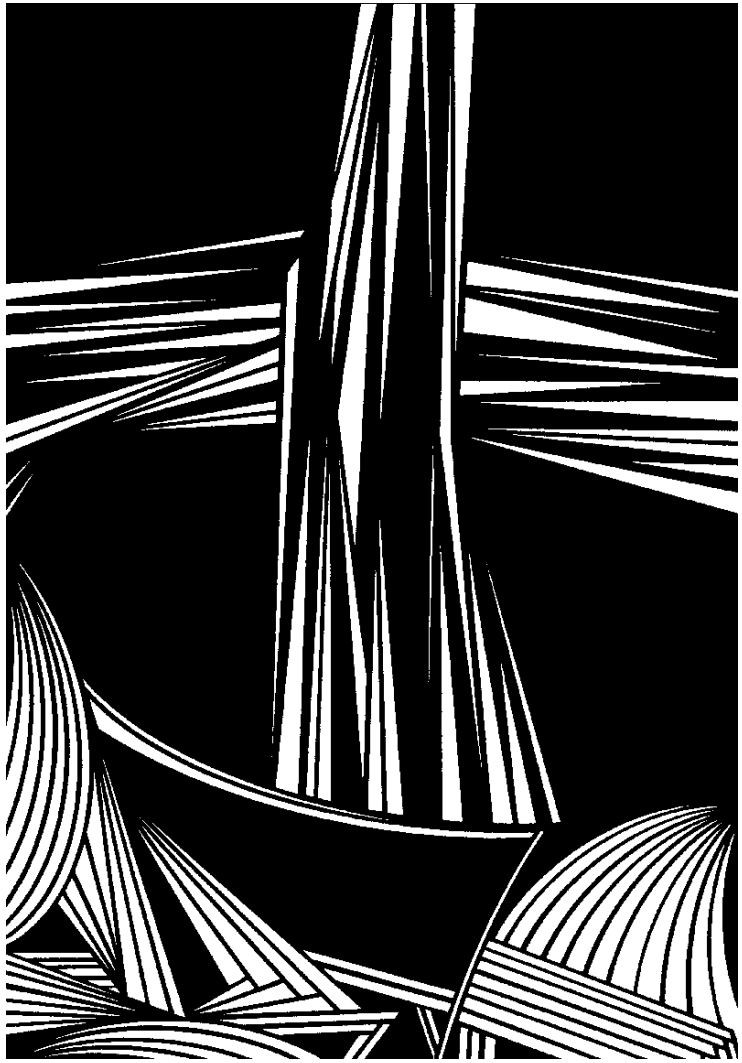

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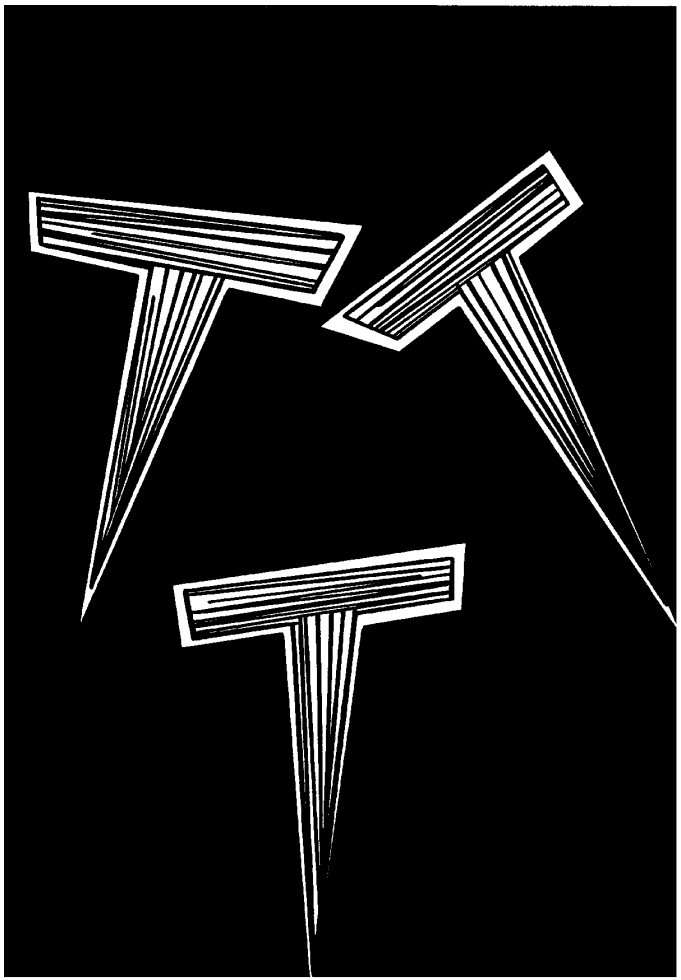

The Stations of the Cross

Concluding Prayers

We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and praise and glorify your resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his face, and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord
and praise and glorify your resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross
joy has come to the whole world.

We thank you, gracious God, that you have delivered us from sin and death and brought us into your kingdom of life. We pray that by Jesus' death we may be recalled to life and raised to eternal joy.
Amen.

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