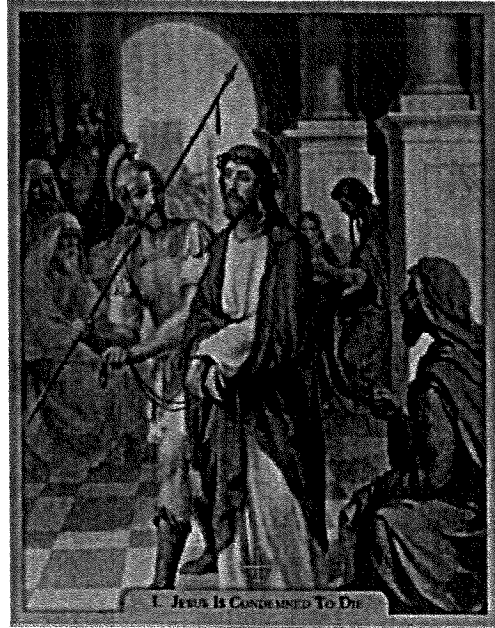


Chair
Rope for hands

Narrator 1: The First Station, Jesus is condemned to Death
We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



Pilate sit -
Servant behind -
Jesus before Pilate -
Soldier at Side -
Crowd Behind -

Meditation

Narrator 2: Just a few days ago, Jesus entered Jerusalem and the crowd was cheering. Now Jesus is beaten and bloody and the crowd rejects him. "Crucify him! Crucify him!" they all shout. The crowd goes along with the people who hate Jesus and want to kill him. Pontius Pilate knows that Jesus is a good and holy man, but he gives in to the pressure of the crowd.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus, so many times we have gone along with the crowd, and let something wrong happen because we were afraid to speak up. Give us the courage to stand up for what is right, even when it is very difficult. Give us the strength to do what is right, even if it means having to suffer. Allow us to walk this journey with you to atone for our sins and for the many times we have allowed others to suffer alone.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

ALL: You are the savior of the world.

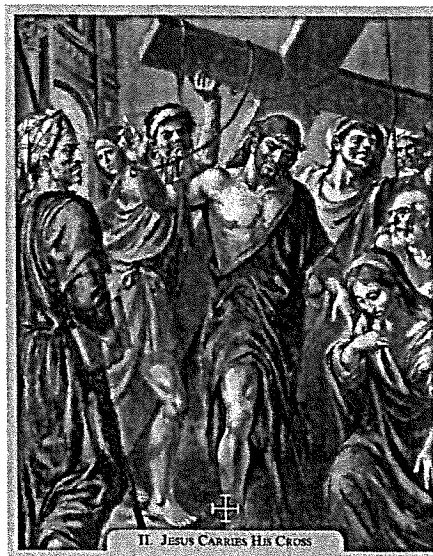
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Were you there when the judge condemned my Lord?
Were you there when the judge condemned my Lord?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the judge condemned my Lord?

Hymnal
#583

Narrator 1: The Second Station, Jesus takes up his cross.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



Jesus carries cross -
2 soldiers follow -
Crowd, sad, praying -

Meditation

Narrator 2: The Jewish law commanded stoning to death, but such a death was too merciful for the Roman occupation. Crucifixion was a terrible way to die, and Jesus chose this way to save the world. “Unless a man deny himself, take up his cross and follow me, he cannot be my disciple,” Jesus said. Those words of Jesus once seemed like an exaggeration, but now they are far too real. We want to be disciples of Jesus, but we keep hoping it will not be difficult.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus Christ, we know that victory over sin is not easy. You show us that the cross is the only path to victory. Take away our fear of the cross and give us courage to embrace the sufferings of our daily life. Help us to see when we are hurt, insulted, embarrassed or facing failure, that these are the crosses that you give us. As we walk with you, Lord, on your way of the cross, please walk with us in the sufferings of our life.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

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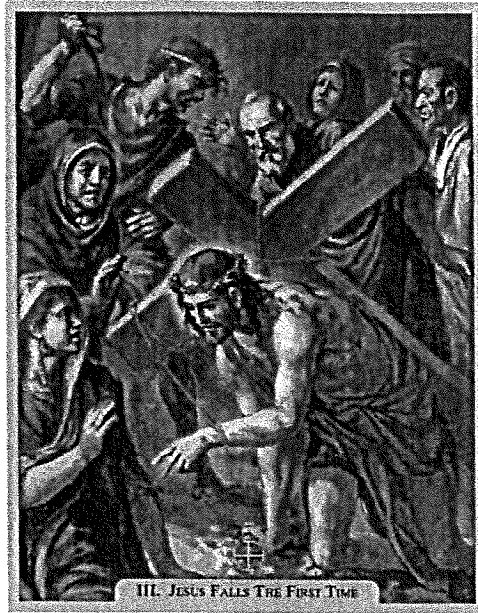
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**Were you there when He carried forth the beam?
Were you there when He carried forth the beam?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He carried forth the beam?**

Narrator 1: The Third Station, Jesus falls the first time.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus on ground, cross on his back
Soldiers stand by—
Crowd, watches, gasps



Meditation

Narrator 2: The long night in prison, the scourging at the pillar, the hunger and the thirst have all taken their toll on Jesus. He is the Son of God, but he is also very human. The body of Jesus gives out under the weight of the cross and he falls to the ground. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Jesus knows it is a very long road to Calvary, and this is not a good way to start.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus, how often I feel discouraged when I stumble, forgetting that even you, the Son of God, did not walk perfectly. Help me not to be discouraged when I fail or fall short. I know that you do not judge me on the way things look, and that my good intentions are important to you. Help me to focus on the things that really matter and to keep trying to do my best.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

ALL: You are the savior of the world.

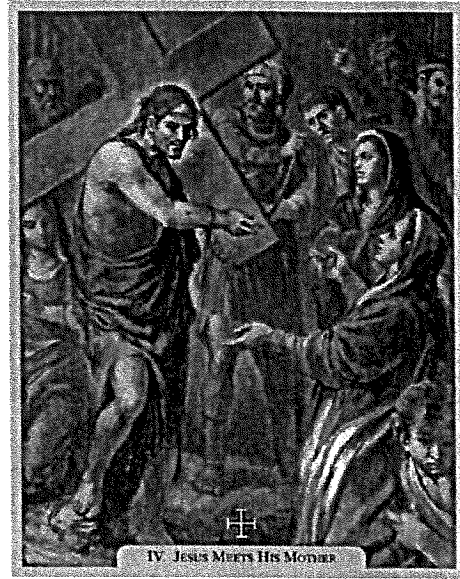
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**Were you there when He fell beneath its weight?
Were you there when He fell beneath its weight?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He fell beneath its weight?**

Narrator 1: The Fourth Station, Jesus meets his mother.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus cross resting on shoulder
Mary comforting Jesus/hands on her heart
Crowd around



Meditation

Narrator 2: In the middle of the crowd, Jesus sees the face of his mother. The whole world has turned against him, but her love is a light in the darkness. Seeing him suffer causes her great pain, but her pain is mingled with pride and joy to see her son fulfilling the prophecies and carrying out the Father's will. Her love is deeper than all the pain, and with her love and prayers she supports her Son and she suffers with Him.

Prayer

Narrator 1: O Mary, teach us how to love, even when it is painful. Teach us how to forgive those who hurt us and to forgive those who hurt the people we love. You offered your love and prayers to support your Son as He suffered and died. Look on all our sufferings and give us also the support of your love and your prayers. With the help of your prayers, may we fulfill the plan that God the Father has for us, not matter how difficult it might be.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

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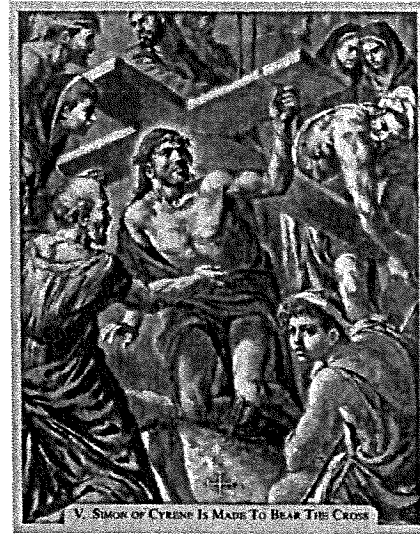
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Were you there when he saw his Mother weep?
Were you there when he saw his Mother weep?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he saw his Mother weep?

Narrator 1: The Fifth Station, Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross. We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus bent over, struggling
Soldiers on each side
Simon helps Jesus w/cross



Meditation

Narrator 2: The soldiers see that Jesus is too weak to finish the journey himself. They grab a man from the crowd, Simon of Cyrene, to help carry the cross. The soldiers don't care who he is, as long as he gets the job done. Jesus cares about Simon. Despite the abuse, His face shines with love and gratitude for Simon's help. How is it possible to have such love in the middle of such suffering? This apparently random moment was chosen by God, and it is the beginning of Simon's faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus, so often other people have stepped in to help us in our struggles and difficulties, and we were far too concerned about ourselves and our problems to recognize them or to thank them for their efforts. So often we have turned down their help because we did not want to feel weak. Thank you for all the people that offer to help us. Show us how to receive their help with gratitude and love.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

ALL: You are the savior of the world.

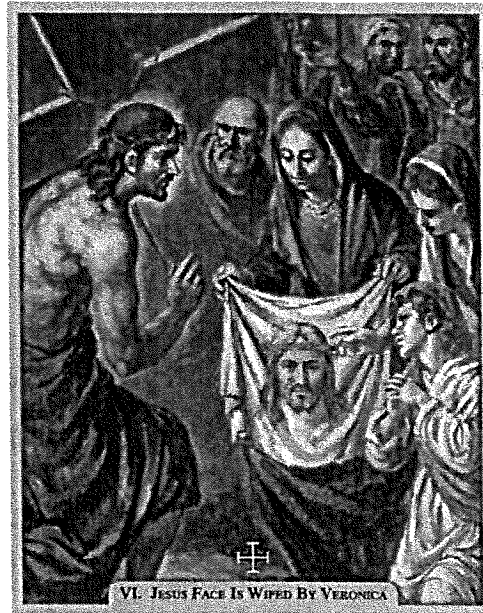
Music:

**Were you there when they called for Simon's help?
Were you there when they called for Simon's help?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they called for Simon's help?**

Veil

Narrator 1: The Sixth Station, Veronica
wipes the face of Jesus.
We adore you O Christ and we
praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.



Jesus Cross on shoulder
Simon behind him, helping
Soldiers each side
Veronica wipes Jesus face/veil
Meditation

Narrator 2: The soldiers frighten even the strong men in the crowd, and they keep their distance from Jesus. Veronica is not afraid of them, and she is moved with pity by the blood and sweat on the face of Jesus. She wipes His face with her veil. Even a small act of kindness means so much to Our Lord, and He repays her with a miracle. The image of His face is imprinted on her veil. The smallest gift is never forgotten by Our Lord.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus, many people are sick and suffering, and their greatest suffering is that the people around them are too afraid or uncomfortable to be near them. Yet the only thing worse than suffering is suffering alone! Teach us to see your face in the person who is suffering, and to recognize the value of small acts of kindness for those who are hurting.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

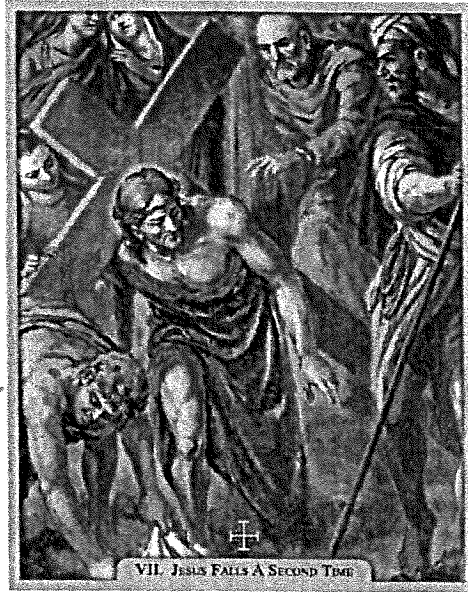
ALL: You are the savior of the world.

Music:

Were you there when Veronica wiped his face?
Were you there when Veronica wiped his face?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when Veronica wiped his face?

Narrator 1: The Seventh Station, Jesus falls the second time. We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



Jesus on ground, cross on back
Simm behind
& Soldiers

Meditation

Narrator 2: Jesus stumbles and falls again. The hard ground reminds him of the garden of Gethsemane. “Not my will, but yours be done,” he had told the Father. That night seems to be a lifetime away, and the temptation to give up and die there in the street is so strong. Yet the love that Jesus has for his Heavenly Father is stronger than any temptation, and he is determined to finish the journey that He started.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus, you know how difficult it is to live a good life, and you know how many temptations trip us up. Give us fortitude to never quit, no matter how many times we fall. We know that the saints are not the people who never fell, but the people who never stopped getting back up. Our strength never seems to be enough, but with your help all things are possible.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

ALL: You are the savior of the world.

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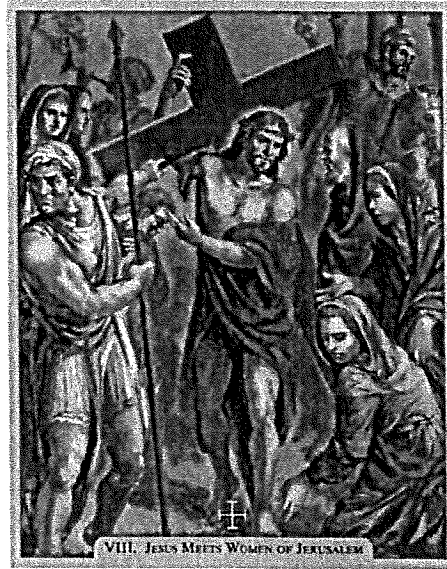
**Were you there when He fell again in pain?
Were you there when He fell again in pain?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He fell again in pain?**

Narrator 1: The Eighth Station, Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus + Simon Cross
Soldiers
3 Women - sad



Meditation

Narrator 2: Seeing the sufferings of Jesus, some of the women are moved to tears and begin weeping loudly. “Daughters of Jerusalem,” Jesus says, “Do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. The days are coming when they will say to the mountains ‘fall on us’ and to the hills ‘cover us’.” Jesus knows that a world which has rejected the peace and love of God will suffer from violence and evil. Within 40 years, the city of Jerusalem will be surrounded by an army and destroyed because of its lack of faith.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus Christ, our world has rejected your message and lives as if you never existed. Your warning to the women echoes in our ears. Our world is suffering from violence, hatred, and war, because people refuse to accept you as their Lord and God. As we meditate on your sufferings, please remember those suffering from violence and war, especially women and children. We pray that the world will accept your Kingdom of Peace.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

ALL: You are the savior of the world.

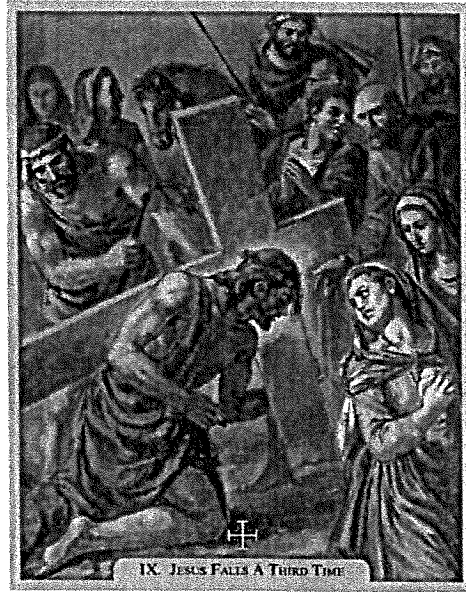
Music

Were you there when the women mourned for Him?
Were you there when the women mourned for Him?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the women mourned for Him?

Narrator 1: The Ninth Station, Jesus falls a third time.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus Falls
2 soldiers



Meditation

Narrator 2: Almost in sight of the hill of Calvary, Jesus falls for the third time. Every inch of His body throbs with pain, and the temptation to give up is very, very strong. How easy it would be to give up His spirit there, lying on the ground, instead of enduring the cross. But Jesus knows that this is not the Father's plan, and He is determined not to quit until all is accomplished.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus, how easily we stop trying when things become difficult, even when the goal is in sight. As we meditate on your courage and determination, help us to see that following God is worth every sacrifice. So often we fail to live our faith because it requires sacrifice or because other people might look down on us. Give us grace to trust in your help and never give up.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

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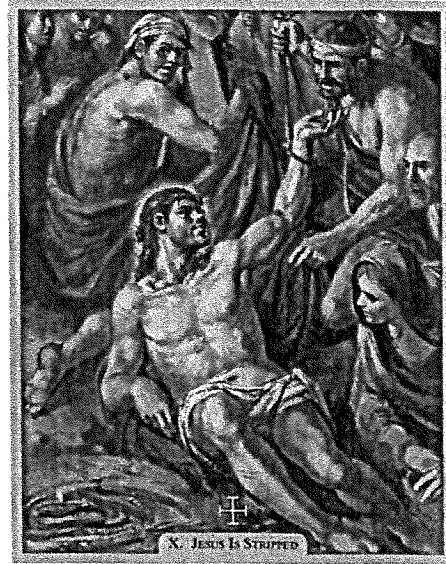
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Were you there when he fell yet once again?
Were you there when he fell yet once again?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he fell yet once again?

Narrator 1: The Tenth Station, Jesus is stripped of his clothes. We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus up
Soldiers stand up cross



Meditation

Narrator 2: After the scourging, the soldiers had put the long tunic back on Jesus. Now, the wounds which had dried are torn open again. Condemning Jesus to death was not enough; they have taken everything He owned and have tried to take away his dignity. Jesus freely gave up everything He owned. He has nothing more to give except His own life.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus, help us to realize that the clothes we wear and the things we own do not give us dignity or value. Help us to know that our value and dignity comes from being made in the image of God, and that this dignity can never be taken from us. Help us to respect the dignity of our bodies and the bodies of others, knowing that our body is one of the most precious gifts we have received.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

ALL: You are the savior of the world.

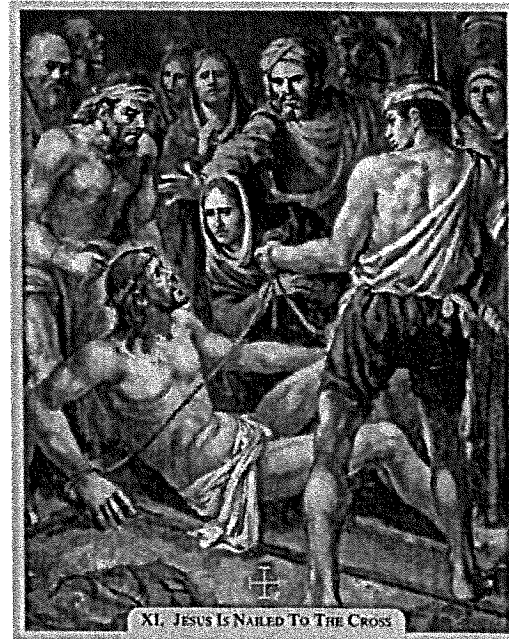
Music

**Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?**

Rope, Hammer

Narrator 1: The Eleventh Station, Jesus is nailed to the cross.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



Jesus tied to cross
Mary + John by him
Soldiers
Will-hammer 3 times

Meditation

Narrator 2: The words of the Psalm seem to speak about Jesus, "Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing."
The soldiers who took his clothes divide them by casting lots, while others nail his hands and feet to the wood of the cross.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus, how careless we are with our words and actions, pounding nails into the feet of our enemies, into the hands of our friends, into parents and people who love us. With each nail, you are the one who suffers. Help us to turn away from violent and cruel words. Give us the strength that you had, to patiently endure the nails that other people pound into us without getting angry.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

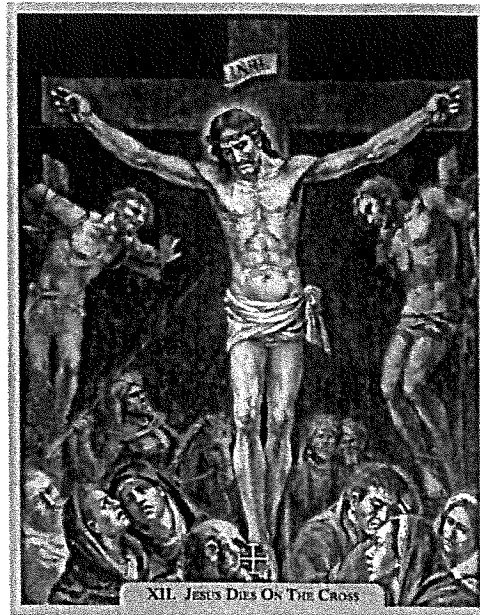
ALL: You are the savior of the world.

Music

Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross?

Narrator 1: The Twelfth Station, Jesus dies on the Cross.
We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.



Jesus Dies
Soldier pierce side
Mary + Joseph there

Meditation

Narrator 2: From noon until three, there was darkness over the whole land. Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then with a loud voice Jesus gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in half, from top to bottom, and the earth shook. When the centurion and those who were with him standing by the cross saw the earthquake and the other things that happened, they were filled with awe, and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Prayer

Narrator 1: "In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your religious feasts into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day."

Long Pause in Silence, all bow their heads

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

ALL: You are the savior of the world.

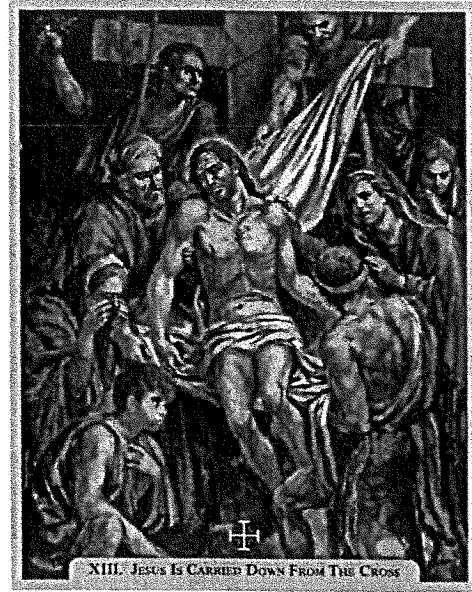
Were you there when he yielded up his soul?
Were you there when he yielded up his soul?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when he yielded up his soul?

Setup Tomb
Piano benches, cloth

Narrator 1: The Thirteenth Station, The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross. We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus, Mary, John, Joseph:
Jesus taken down lean on
Mary. (Setup tomb.) signa



Meditation

Narrator 2: The crowd was once so large and loud, some gloating, some mocking, and some in tears. Now He is dead, and the crowd drifts away. Only a few remain to ask God's forgiveness, and we stay and pray with them. The body of Jesus, broken for our sins, is the same body that Jesus will give to the whole world in the sacrament of the Eucharist. At every Mass, we can receive his body from the cross into our own hearts.

Prayer

Narrator 1: Lord Jesus Christ, your death on the cross was the beginning of something new. Just as your body was lifted up on the cross, so it is lifted up again and again in the sacrifice of the Mass, in the Holy Eucharist. This sacrament is the memorial of your suffering and death. May we always stand and kneel at the Mass as if we were standing and kneeling at Calvary. May we receive your body and blood with the same love that Mary had, knowing that this is the greatest gift in the whole world. At the Mass, the Son of God gives his life to us.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

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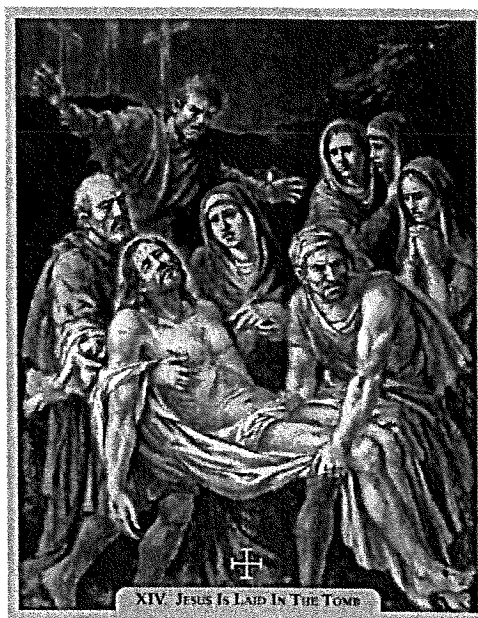
Music

Were you there when they took his body down?
Were you there when they took his body down?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they took his body down?

Narrator 1: The Fourteenth Station, Jesus is laid in the tomb
We adore you O Christ and we praise you,

ALL: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus in tomb



Meditation

Narrator 2: The sun has set, darkness is falling on the earth. A few compassionate friends quickly bury Jesus in a borrowed tomb. Where once there was so much life, now the body of Jesus has already turned cold. Mary alone, of all the people in the world, keeps the flame of faith burning in her heart. She knows the death of Jesus was part of the unbelievable plan of God. She continues to believe, against all odds, that her son will sit on the throne of David and rule the nations of the world.

Prayer

Narrator 1: God our Father, we have walked the road with Jesus until the point of his death. Although all hope seems to be lost, we place our hope in your love and not in the things we can see. Your light is greater than the darkness, and your love is stronger than death. Give us courage to never lose faith in your power and your love, and to look forward with the whole Church to that day when death will be conquered forever and we will live in eternal light.

Narrator 2: Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

ALL: You are the savior of the world.

Music

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh—Oh—Oh,
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God;
by the Death and Resurrection of your Son,
you overcame the darkness of sin
that we might live as your sons and daughters.
Grant that we, who have meditated on his passion and cross,
will be brought to the glory of his resurrection,
where he lives and reigns with you, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord be with you,
and with your spirit,

May abundant blessing, O Lord, we pray,
descend upon your people,
who have honored the Death of your Son
in the hope of their resurrection:
may pardon come,
comfort be given,
holy faith increase,
and everlasting redemption be made secure.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

For Philip

Stations of the Cross

Characters in Scenes

Lakewood Kids - Afternoon

- I. Jesus, Pilate, Pilate's servant, Soldier 1
 - II. Jesus, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
 - III. Jesus, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
 - IV. Jesus, Mary, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
 - V. Jesus, Simon of Cyrene, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
 - VI. Jesus, Veronica, Simon of Cyrene, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
 - VII. Jesus, Simon of Cyrene, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
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- VIII. Jesus, Women 1, 2 and 3, Simon of Cyrene, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
- IX. Jesus, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
- X. Jesus, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
- XI. Jesus, Soldier 1, Soldier 2, Mary and John on the side
- XII. Jesus, Mary, John, Soldier 1, Soldier 2
- XIII. Jesus, Mary, John, Joseph of Arimathea
- XIV. Jesus

Emma - 1
Sydney - 2

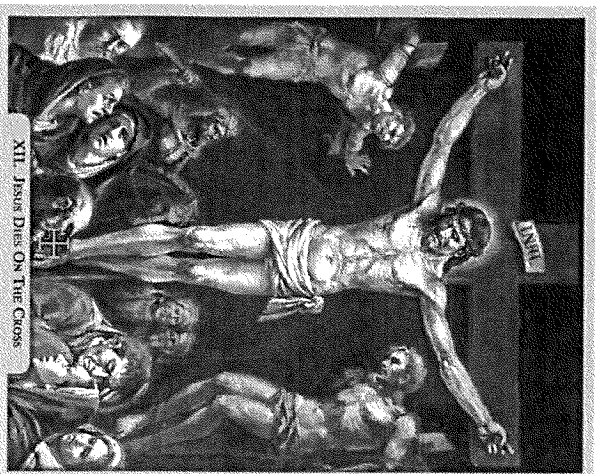
Wabeno ^{Afternoon} Kids

All Evening Kids

Morgan - 1
Hannah - 2

Living Stations of the Cross

presented by
the youth of
St. Ambrose and
St. Mary's of the
Lake parishes



*At the beginning of each station, please genuflect as the Narrator reads: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,
All respond: Because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

*At the end of each station the Narrator will say:
Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free,
All Respond: You are the savior of the world.*

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Were you there when He fell again in pain?

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Were you there when the women mourned for Him?

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Were you there when He fell yet once again?

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Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?

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Were you there when they nailed Him to the cross?

XII. The Twelfth Station. Jesus dies on the Cross.
Were you there when he yielded up his soul?

XIII. The Thirteenth Station, The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross.
Were you there when they took his body down?

XIV. The Fourteenth Station, Jesus is laid in the tomb
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

