

FOURTH STATION

Jesus Meets His Mother



WE PRAY

***We adore you, O Christ,
and we praise you.
Because by your holy Cross
you have redeemed the world.***

SCRIPTURE

Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

(Lk 2: 34-35)

REFLECTION

As Jesus continues his journey, his eyes meet his Mother’s. Mary moves towards her Son, but due to the Cross, their embrace is restricted. No words are spoken. No words are necessary — their connection communicates compassion and love. This must have been one of the greatest comforts on Jesus’ walk with the cross – that Mary was there, as she always had been, reaching out to him in his agony and isolation.

The pain of watching a loved one suffer can be unbearable. Doing so with the restrictions imposed on us by coronavirus makes it harder – unable to touch, to embrace, to hold in our arms. Looking in through a window, not sitting at the bedside to comfort and support, no words of ‘goodbye’ add to the pain of separation and

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Hail Mary....
Glory be....***

FIFTH STATION

Simon Helps Jesus



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SCRIPTURE

As they led him 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)

REFLECTION

How much easier we find it to give help than to receive it ourselves. Being dependent on others is not a path we naturally choose. But how many in these pandemic days, live their daily lives dependent on the care of others.

At this time with the need for social distancing and minimum human contact, it is those who are most dependent on the daily closeness and contact of others who are most at risk. Hopefully, this virus can open our eyes to the vulnerability of so many around us, reliant on the army of Simon of Cyrenes who come to their aid in their time of need.

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SIXTH STATION

Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face



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SCRIPTURE

The King will answer, "In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

(Mt 25: 40)

REFLECTION

Yes, this is a time when many are dying, when many suffer in so many ways. But at the same time, in the panic and the pain, there is grace and gift. We are rediscovering the beauty of kindness, the power of seemingly small acts of love to bring comfort and hope. A concerned phone call to someone on their own, a neighbour you may hardly have spoken to before now bringing you shopping, a nation opening its windows in unison to cheer and applaud its health-care workers. Powerful because totally sincere, no self-interest, nothing in it for me, no self-promotion or profit - just real, authentic concern for the good of the other. This is what Veronica does. Moved with pity for Jesus, she steps forward from the angry crowd and presses a soothing cloth to his bloodied face to give him a sweet moment of relief from it all. And her unexpected, unsought for reward is to have his sacred image imprinted on that cloth.

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