STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR JUSTICE

Reflection Guide









"We always find that those who walked closest to Christ our Lord with those who had to bear the greatest trials."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

First Station: Jesus is condemned to death

Luke 23:13-25

"Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." But all together they shouted out, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us." Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him." With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished."

We adore you O Christ and we bless you for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

Reflection:

Pilate found Jesus guiltless, yet he was still marked as a condemned man sentenced to a gruesome death. Millions among us face insurmountable odds- war, famine, violence, religious and political persecution with no guarantee of refuge in sight. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHRC), 70.8 million individuals are currently displaced globally. 41.3 million are internally displaced, 25.9 million are refugees, and 3.5 million are asylum seekers. In 2019, The Missing Migrant Project reported 1,709 migrant fatalities across the globe. Now facing global pandemic, the odds of

survival are even lower for those trying to resettle. Like Jesus, millions of women, children, and men around the world are currently facing death head on as they try everything to rebuild lives after fleeing trauma. Let us now offer up our prayers of petition for them.

Prayer:

Jesus, you know the pain of those who face unjust circumstances. Jesus, you understand the terror of facing death. We humbly pray that we might have your eyes of compassion to serve those who seek refuge and asylum. Equip us that we might work towards peaceful movements to cease violence, persecution, and destruction in our word that causes so much disorder. Gracious God, we ask for the protection of every displaced person across the globe that they might be resettled with mercy, love, and compassion. This we pray, Amen.



"Women's dignity has often been unacknowledged and their prerogatives misrepresented; they have often been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude. This has prevented women from truly being themselves and it has resulted in a spiritual impoverishment of humanity."

— St. Pope John Paul II, Letter to Women

Second Station: Jesus is given his cross

John 19: 16-19

"So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle."

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Reflection:

Jesus took up his cross, bearing the burdens of world. Jesus gave freely of himself, so we might live in the grace and mercy of a gracious God. Many among us carry the burden of the world - those individuals are women. Women share approximately one-third of the caregiving responsibilities (e.g. children, family, elderly, etc.) and 75% women globally work in low-wage conditions. In the United States, nearly 25 million women currently live below the poverty line. Around the globe, the statistics on women and girls in poverty vary widely as most work produced by women goes undocumented or

captured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, 68% of caregivers are women, 80% of healthcare workers are women, and 83% of social workers are women. With the current threat of pandemic, those who remain in the frontlines of direct support, caregiving, and healthcare are at risk for illness, death, and/or loss of income. For those individuals experiencing homelessness or poverty, the threat to their lives and those they care for is even higher. Without the burden that women carry, the world would simply stop functioning. We offer up this time now to reflect on the unseen cross of labor and wage inequality that women around the world carry.

Prayer:

Jesus, walking through the streets of Jerusalem to Calvary, you carried the burdens of the world. Jesus, you understand the crosses many women carry. Grow in us, O God, the capacity for greater love, so that we may see each woman the way you see her - with equality, respect, and dignity. Stir in our hearts the desire to remove the heavy burden on women through creating systemic change. This we pray, Amen.



"The most profound and serious indication of the moral implications underlying the ecological problem is the lack of respect for life evident in many of the patterns of environmental pollution."

—St. Pope John Paul II, 1990, World Day of Peace Message, no.7

Third Station: Jesus falls the first time

Isaiah 53:7

"Though harshly treated, he submitted and did not open his mouth; Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth."

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Reflection:

The weight of the cross became too much for Jesus and he fell hard on the ground. The brokenness of his flesh, the weariness of his soul, and the burden of the cross pushed Jesus further down. He struggled to get back up. All around the world billions of people suffer under the burden of environmental destruction that has poisoned water systems. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that 2.5 billion people lack access to improved sanitation. Extreme usage combined with our increasing plastics problem that pollutes natural resources contributes to the tainting of water systems. Impure water contributes to the deaths of an estimated 801,000 children younger than 5 years of age perish from diarrhea each year, mostly in developing countries. If we protect our water systems, these deaths can be prevented. We offer up this time for those who have fallen ill due to polluted water.

Prayer:

Jesus, you were moved by compassion to care for the sick and the dying. Free us from our desire to seek out cheaper or quick products made with toxic chemicals that taint and damage natural resources. Forgive us, O God, for tainting the water you have given us. May we become more mindful of how our actions big or small impact the lives of those around us. May we advocate for ecological preservation and learn to protect and preserve all natural resources. This we pray, Amen.



"Mary knew how to endure flight into exile, marginalization, poverty, oppression. Mary was the daughter of the people dominated by the Roman Empire. She saw her son taken prisoner and tortured. She saw him die unjustly on the cross. Mary cries out in holy defiance, declaring that God 'will send the

proud and the arrogant away empty handed and if necessary bring the mighty down from their thrones at the same time he will give his grace to the lowly to those who trust in his mercy '(Luke 1: 52 to 53)

— St Oscar Romero, The Scandal of Redemption

Fourth Station: Jesus meets his mother

Luke 2: 34-35

"Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce, so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

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Reflection:

Jesus's relationship with his mother reveals to us the significant bond between a mother and her child(ren). Scripture tells us that Mary's heart ached deeply for the pain Jesus felt. How much she must have grieved to watch her son suffer and die. Like Mary, many women, particularly those displaced, suffer great losses and experience trauma in childbirth and pregnancy. The Women's Refugee Commission estimates 6-14% of all displaced women of a reproductive age could be pregnant at any time, which means many women are pregnant and deliver while in refugee camps or detainment centers. The Women's Refugee Committee also notes that 15% of the women pregnant while fleeing conflict experience a life-threatening obstetric complication like postpartum hemorrhage. Other displaced women experience the gut-wrenching trauma of being separated from their children. We offer up this time for all displaced mothers and pregnant women experiencing trauma.

Prayer:

Jesus, you loved your mother deeply. Send your Spirit to comfort them. Teach us how to see each mother as if she were Mary. Stir in the hearts of those in power the conviction to create just policies that keep families together and ease the pain of resettlement for pregnant displaced women. May we

be compassionate and merciful to all detained and displaced mothers enduring physical and emotional trauma. This we pray, Amen.



"We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus."

St. Rose of Lima

Fifth Station: Simon helps Jesus with the cross

Luke 23:26

"As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus."

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Reflection:

After much struggle with the weight of the cross, Simon helped Jesus carry it. None of us walk this life without assistance. The story of Simon assisting Jesus reveals to us how much we rely on each other. Individualism, however, has shaped the lie of the self-made person. We hear stories of the self-made billionaire or millionaire. The truth is the accrual of vast amounts of wealth often comes at the exploitation of individuals through cheap labor. In other words, there is no such thing as a self-made person. All of us are interconnected and each of us has had a Simon in our lives to help us carry our burden. All over the globe, individuals are exploited for their cheap labor, so corporations can turn a huge profit. Now our society is starting to see that our domestic and global economies rely on the value of all labor – skilled and unskilled. Now more than ever, we need individuals like Simon to advocate for

fair wages, hazard pay, and safer working conditions as many hourly workers do not get those basic necessities for dignified work. We offer up this time for those who seek dignified work and fair wages.

Prayer:

Jesus, even though you had Divine strength, you allowed yourself to become vulnerable needing assistance from Simon. Help us be like Simon, willing and able to advocate and assist those in need. Give us the eyes to see the value and dignity of all work- skilled and unskilled. Move us to fight for just labor rights that grant fair wages, hazard pay, safe working condition, and other fundamental rights to ensure all laborers are granted dignified work. This we pray, Amen.



"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul."

— St. Teresa of Avila

Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

Psalm 27:9-14

"Do not hide your face from me; do not repel your servant in anger. You are my salvation; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my savior! Even if my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in."

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Reflection:

Blood and sweat dripped down the ravaged face of Christ. Worn out and beaten, his face was unrecognizable, but Veronica saw through everything. With eyes of compassion she saw Jesus as valuable, cherished, and worthy, and wiped his brow. Thousands of individuals struggle daily with difficulties hidden from plain sight. How often their struggles might be overlooked by the average person, yet nevertheless those struggles remain. Access to public transportation is a right of all people, but is particularly necessary for those who are elderly, disabled, or low-income, but 45% of Americans have no access to public transportation. Approximately one billion individuals globally, particularly in rural and developing areas lack access to lack access to either good, safe, roads or transportation. Most major cities have some form of public transportation, but rural and suburban areas have very little if nothing at all. Without access to safe and affordable transportation any people lose the ability to go to medical appointments, school, and work. The lack of access to

work, education, and adequate healthcare leaves people in a cycle of poverty. We offer up this time for those who struggle to find safe and affordable transportation to lead a healthy and sustainable life.

Prayer:

Jesus, Veronica recognized your value when others did not. Helps us to see the struggles of others even when they appear invisible to the average person or when we frantically drive to our commute. Forgive us, O God, for our not recognizing our neighbor in need who might not be able to get to the doctor, school, or work on their own. Move our hearts with compassion and love for others like that of Veronica. This we pray, Amen.



"Any religion that professes to be concerned about the souls of men and is not concerned about the slums that damn them, the economic conditions that strangle them and the social conditions that cripple them is a spiritually moribund religion awaiting burial."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Seventh Station: Jesus falls the second time

Psalm 13

How long, Lord? Will you utterly forget me?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I carry sorrow in my soul, grief in my heart day after day?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?"

"We adore you O Christ and we bless you for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

Reflection:

Jesus, crushed by weight of the cross, falls a second time. Overcome by sorrow, he struggles to find his footing again. Like Jesus, many garment and factory workers have been crushed by our gross consumerism. In April 2013, the Rana Plaza garment factory in Bangladesh collapsed, leaving 1,134 garment workers dead and approximately 2,500 individuals injured. The employees were forced into the building despite its faulty structure. This incident is a perfect example of what Pope Francis calls our "throwaway culture" — a culture which is contrary to the Gospel message that calls us to love rather than use, to life over death, to uphold the dignity of the person over commodification, and to live simple lives in line with an integral ecology of creation. Like the weight of the cross, our focus on industry, productivity, commodification crushes the inherent dignity of the human being. We offer up this time for the individuals struggling under the oppression brought on by gross consumerism.

Prayer: Jesus, you were crushed by the weight the cross that left you struggling to stand up again. Help us to detach from our rampant consumption that encourages overproduction that threatens the life of workers who create the goods we use. Forgive us, O God, for our love of Capital and for choosing profit over people. May we choose to live simpler lives and see infinite value in the human person and all of creation. This we pray, Amen.



"Jesus dignifies women and puts them on the same level as men because He takes that first word of the Creator, both are "the image and likeness of God", both of them; not first the man and then a little lower down the woman, no, both are."

- Pope Francis, homily at Casa Santa Marta, June 15, 2018.

Eighth Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

Luke 23: 27-29

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.'

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Reflection:

With sorrow-filled faces, the women of Jerusalem cry out lament for and with Jesus. Jesus meets their gaze with vulnerability while also addressing their station in society during that age. Many women and girls find themselves unable to break out the cycle of poverty due to lack of access to proper sanitation. One in five girls in the United States will school at the start of her menstrual cycle due to lacking proper supplies. According to UNICEF, 2.3 million people globally live without basic sanitation services and in developing countries, only 27% of people have adequate handwashing facilities at home. Without access to basic sanitization, women and girls are unable to go to school or work, thus keeping them in an endless cycle of poverty. We offer up this time for women and girls all around the world who struggling to survive, hidden beneath stigma and shame.

Prayer: Jesus, you saw the dignity of women and girls. You were the one who healed those who were deemed unclean by society. Restore to life those women and girls of the world who face life with eyes of sadness. Help us eradicate stigma and shame around the female body, so that women and girls can become upwardly mobile. Grant us God, the insight to find practical solutions to poverty. This we pray, Amen.



"Woven into our lives is the very fire from the stars and genes from the sea creatures, and everyone, utterly everyone, is kin in the radiant tapestry of being."

— Elizabeth A. Johnson, Women, Earth, and Creator Spirit

Ninth Station: Jesus falls a third time

Isaiah 53: 8-9

"Seized and condemned, he was taken away. Who would have thought any more of his destiny? For he was cut off from the land of the living, struck for the sins of his people. He was given a grave among the wicked, a burial place with evildoers, Though he had done no wrong, nor was deceit found in his mouth."

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Reflection:

The weight the world, the sin of humanity, pushed against the backbone of Jesus. Falling once again, he stumbled towards Calvary. Our failure to see the interconnected of creation has led us to consume more than we should and to produce far more than the Earth can ever digest. The result has cause our Earth buckle with the weight of the pollution of our oceans, death of our marine life, and loss of natural resources that all of creation relies on. Since 1950, it's been estimated that around 8.3 billion tons of plastic have been produced worldwide and only around 9% of that plastic has been properly recycled. It takes about 400 years for plastics to decompose. If we maintain our current consumption and production habits, according to National Geographic, by 2050 there will be 12 billion metric tons of plastic in landfills. Additionally, it is estimated that very minute, one garbage truck worth of plastic is dumped into our oceans. Because of this pollution, fish in the North Pacific ingest 12,000-24,000 tons of plastic each year. Our selfishness and shortsightedness have caused life on this planet to fall like Christ bearing the weight of cross. We offer this time for the pollution of the oceans and death of marine life.

Prayer:

Jesus, you cherished all life and you challenged us to do the same. Help us to see how we are interconnected to all of creation. Give us the wisdom to see the impact of our actions. God, forgive us of our collective ecological sin that has caused so much destruction from the smallest of life forms to the largest. Help to ride ourselves of this "throwaway culture" that we might be people who are life-giving and not destroying. This we pray, Amen.



"And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy."

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of his garments

Psalm 22: 17-20

"Dogs surround me; a pack of evildoers closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They stare at me and gloat; they divide my garments among them; for my clothing they cast lots."

"We adore you O Christ and we bless you for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

Reflection:

Humiliated, Jesus was stripped of his garments. With diminished dignity, he was exposed and vulnerable. Millions are trafficking around the world. Like Jesus, they are stripped of their dignity through labor and sex trafficking by the means of force, fraud, and coercion. Many are trafficked by their own family or loved ones. According to data from International Labor Organization's Global Estimate of Modern Slavery (2017) report, there are approximately 40 million women, men, and children enslaved in human trafficking today. Modern slavery or human trafficking is the largest criminal enterprise today, making over \$150 billion in profits. In this moment of time, there are more slaves than ever before in history, pointing us to a reality that our world runs on exploited labor and dignity of millions, many of whom are children. We offer this time for all individuals who are enslaved in trafficking.

Prayer:

Jesus, you know the pain of those individuals who live in the grip of human trafficking. Jesus, through your vulnerability may our hearts break for those who have been wronged, may they find liberation and justice. God, give strength to those who investigate and prosecute traffickers and may the traffickers experience a conversion of heart, mind, and soul. Forgive us for being complicit in trafficking through our purchase of goods and services. May we too experience a conversion that calls us to live a life detached to unethical supply chains and the exploitation and commodification of people. May we see our own inherent dignity and worth so we can see and affirm that dignity in others. This we pray, Amen.



"We are of such value to God that He came to live among us... and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the cross to draw us back to Himself. We can only respond by loving God for His love."

-St. Catherine of Sienna

Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross

John: 19:17-18

"So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle."

Reflection:

The nails of sin pushed through Jesus's flesh as he yelled out in agony. The exploitation and trafficking of children is like the nails that pushed through Jesus's hands and feet. The sorrow of Jesus is experienced through exploited, abused, and trafficked children. There are approximately 15 million individuals worldwide in forced marriages and 37% out of 15 million in forced marriage are children. 2 million children are in hazardous work that directly endangers their health, safety and moral development. In the last 2 years, 20 states have been reported to have child soldiers in government, government-affiliated, and non-state armed groups. Additionally, 40 nations still have minimum age recruitment requirements under 18 years of age. We offer our time to those tender children in the hands of traffickers.

Prayer:

Jesus, you loved children and gave them a voice when others pushed them aside. You cry out in agony each time a child is harmed. God, we pray for the end of trafficking for all individual, but especially children who have lost the innocence of the childhood by the hands of a trafficker. Restore the spirits of all exploited children. May they be freed from their traffickers and brought to a new life or reunited with their parents. This we pray, Amen.



"People say, what is the sense of our small effort? They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that. No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do."

- Servant of God, Dorothy Day

Twelfth Station: Jesus died on the cross

Matthew 27:45-54

"From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means,

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

Reflection:

After crying out in a loud voice, proclaiming, "it is finished" Jesus gave up his spirit. Jesus's death reminds us that Jesus shares in the completeness of our humanity form birth to death. Jesus's final

words were a cry from the heart and we are reminded that Jesus sides with the oppressed and those who voices are often unheard or ignored by society despite crying out for all to hear. We are reminded in this moment to respond and not ignore the voices of refugees and displaced, children, those experiencing homeless and living in poverty, those living with disabilities, those hit the hardest by natural disasters, and all who remain on the margins of society. We offer this time for them.

Prayer:

Jesus, from the beginning of your life to your death, you were ignored and casted aside. Show us to see all people who society might discard or view as useless, as you do. Forgive us, O God, for not seeing their beauty, for casting them aside, for not welcoming, feeding or clothing them. Forgive us for our collective egoism that keeps us from building community where we are and loving others as you love us. Give us eyes to see all people with your love and compassion and give us the wisdom to find concrete ways to tear down divisions. This we pray. Amen.



"Experiencing violence and unjust death up close leaves no room for evasions or abstract considerations of Jesus's resurrection without which our faith would be in vain, as Paul puts it. The resurrection also makes us sensitive to the gift of life that we receive from God, a life that comprises spiritual and religious elements as well as those we usually call material or bodily."

-Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP, On the Side of the Poor

Thirteen Station: Jesus is taken down from the cross

Luke 23: 52 -53

"He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried."

Reflection:

Jesus's body laid cold and lifeless. His friends and family who had remained faithfully at the foot of the cross gently took down his body. Here in this moment, thousands of people are burying the dead they loved so very much like John and Mary loved Jesus. As cries of sorrow erupt all over the world, we must remember and offer up our time for the sick among us, the vulnerable, and all those who have died.

Prayer:

Jesus, you felt the pain of the sick and they were never far from you. We pray for the sick, the vulnerable among us, and those who have died. Hold them in your mercy. For the sick, may they recover. For the dead, we pray for the repose of their soul. For the vulnerable, may they be protected. This we pray, Amen.



"The gospel of Jesus is not a rational concept to be explained in a theory of salvation, but a story about God's presence in Jesus' solidarity with the oppressed, which led to his death on the cross. What is redemptive is the faith that God snatches victory out of defeat, life out of death, and hope out of

despair."

— James H. Cone, The Cross and the Lynching Tree

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is buried in the tomb

John 19:40-42

"They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by."

Reflection:

Those who knew and loved Jesus mourned for him as he was laid in the tomb. As he laid there, their hearts ached for the one they loved deeply. Now, thousands have died of this pandemic and thousands are in mourning. We offer our time to them in this moment.

Prayer:

Jesus, you wept for Lazarus. You weep with those who mourn now. Uplift the weary and send your Spirit to comfort those who mourn. Carry us through this journey with your calming peace.

God, who crosses borders with us,

God, who give us living water,

God, who brings freedom to the captive,

God, who restore the dignity of those who feel shame,

God, who liberates,

God, who brings new life out of death,

Good and Gracious God, we lift up all of these issues of injustice that we see in the world.

This we pray, Amen.



"What have I done for Christ?
What am I doing for Christ?
What ought I do for Christ?"
— Joseph Tetlow, SJ, A Colloquy with Jesus

Discussion Questions for Further Reflection

- 1.) Now that you journeyed through Christ's passion in this way, what emotions came up for you? What new insights came to you?
- 2.) After pondering these Stations for Justice, who is Christ to you? Where do you see Christ in the world? Where do you see yourself in each station? Where do you see Christ's justice lived out?
- 3.) Who might be God be calling you to serve? Where might God be calling you to serve?

- 4.) How are you being challenged to see Christ in all people you encounter?
- 5.) The world at this moment feels terrifying. We can often feel overwhelmed by all that is happening around us, but our faith shows us that through death and sorrow, there is the hope of new life. How can we find hope? How can we offer hope? How can our lives bring new life into the world?

Web Resources:

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