

### **Third Station: Jesus falls for the first time**

#### **DEVOTION**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is the Lord our God.

V. Surely he has borne our griefs.

**R. And carried our sorrows.**

Let us pray.

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

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**ORGAN MEDITATION** Le Chemin de la Croix, op 29, No. 3      Marcel Dupre  
Jesus falls the first time; Jesus tombe sous le poids de sa Croix

A tortuous march depicts the weariness of Jesus as he carries the cross; towards the end of the movement the motion slows and stops, resuming with the theme of “redemption” played very softly.

Lisa Lewis, Organ



MJ Helms

## **Fourth Station: Jesus meets his afflicted Mother**

### **DEVOTION**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

To what can I liken you, to what can I compare you, O daughter of Jerusalem? What likeness can I use to comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion? For vast as these is your ruin. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.

V. A sword will pierce your own soul also:

**R. And fill your heart with bitter pain.**

Let us pray.

O God, who willed that in the passion of your Son a sword of grief should pierce the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary his mother: Mercifully grant that your Church, having shared with her in his passion, may be made worthy to share in the joys of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

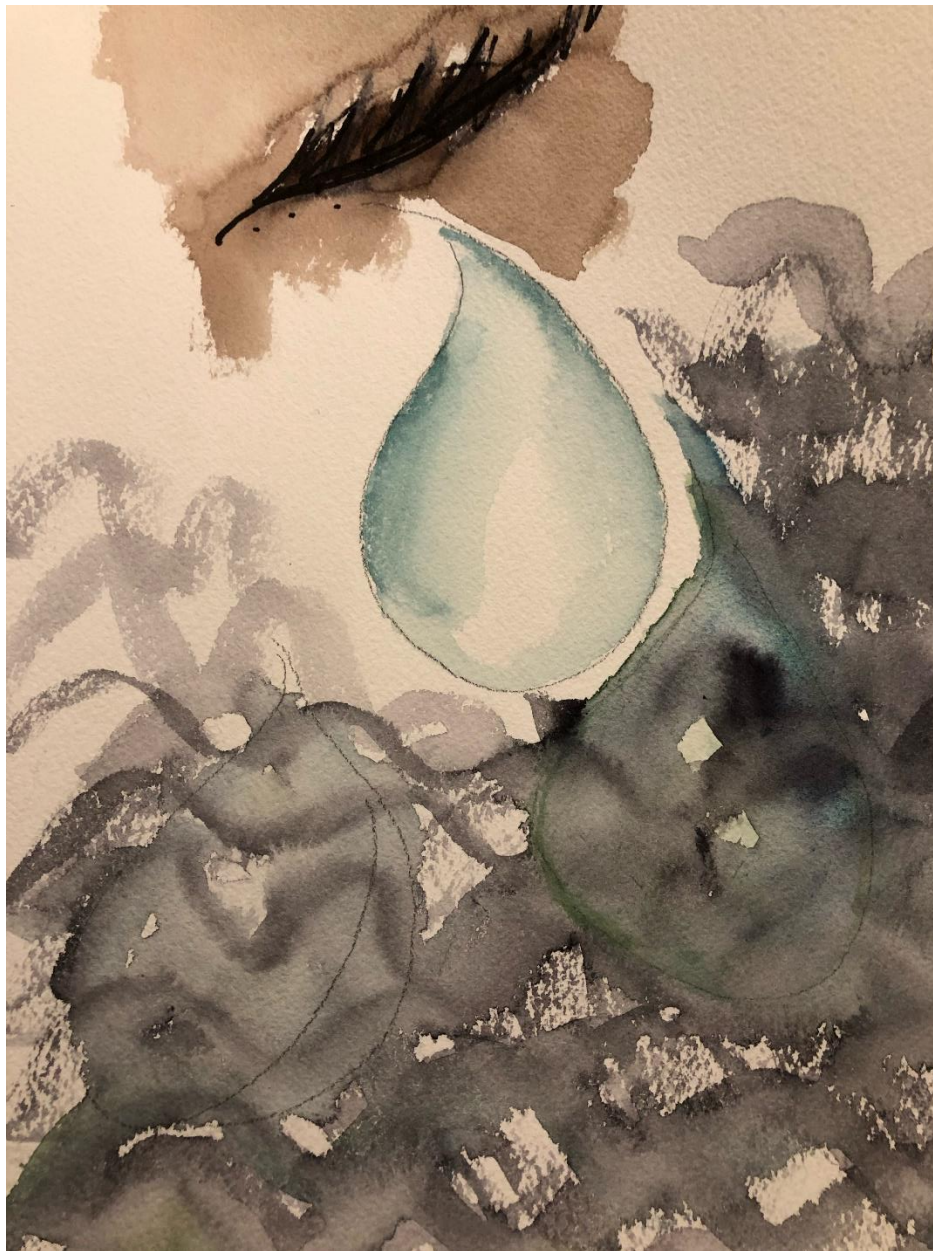
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**ORGAN MEDITATION**    Le Chemin de la Croix, op 29, no 4  
Jesus meets his mother – Jesus rencontre sa mere

Marcel Dupre

The sorrowing mother is depicted with a flute solo accompanied by soft, strangely dissonant and aimlessly wandering harmonies, as the Blessed Mother see the suffering of her beloved son.

Lisa Lewis, organ



MJ Helms